

**2018 State Damage Prevention Program Grant  
Mid-Term Progress Report  
CFDA Number: 20.720**

**Award Number:**

Funding Opportunity Title: "State Damage Prevention (SDP) Program Grants – 2018"

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Project Title: State Damage Prevention (SDP) Program Grants – 2018

Grant Period: 9/28/18 – 9/27/19

Grant Amount: \$56555.40

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**Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement**

- Fund a comprehensive analysis of the Damage Incident Reporting Tool (DIRT) reports to improve the understanding of incident causes and how this information can improve worker safety.
- Participate in public awareness audits of pipeline operator's education campaigns to compare the information received on annual reports and incidents reported to DIRT and the UTC.
- Evaluate past and present enforcement actions to determine the level of impact enforcement has on compliance. (Elements 3, 7)

**Workscope**

- Element 3 (Operator Internal Performance Measurement): A process for reviewing the adequacy of a pipeline operator's internal performance measures regarding persons performing locating services and quality assurance programs. (Applicable)
- Element 7 (Enforcement): Enforcement of State damage prevention laws and regulations for all aspects of the damage prevention process, including public education, and the use of civil penalties for violations assessable by the appropriate State authority. (Applicable)

**Accomplishments for this period (Item 1 under Article IX, Section 9.01 Progress Report: "A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period.")**

The program has launched a new software program that allows for comprehensive evaluation of damages reported via DIRT. The analysis of root cause and damages after enforcement is currently underway.

Dig Safe and Locator trainings have concluded for the season. This information along with last year's training cycle will allow an analysis of damages and reporting by those who have attended training.

Public Awareness inspections are scheduled with facility operators later in the year and will include damage prevention staff from the UTC. Additional questions are being developed to include with the regular public awareness inspection.

**Quantifiable Metrics/Measures of Effectiveness (Item 2 under Article IX, Section 9.01 Progress Report: "Where the output of the project can be quantified, a computation of the cost per unit of output.")**

The trainings have just concluded and we have yet to collect the analytics. The remainder of the data analysis is currently underway.

**Issues, Problems or Challenges (Item 3 under Article IX, Section .01 Progress Report: “The reasons for slippage if established objectives were not met. “)**

None

**Mid-term Financial Status Report**

There have been no expenditures against the grant to date.

**Plans for Next Period (Remainder of Grant)**

In depth review of history of damages by those who have been to training.

Review the history of damages of those who have experienced enforcement.

Conduct on-site evaluation of LDC operators and damage prevention programs.

Compare LDC annual report metrics of damages to prior year.

**Requests of the AOR and/or PHMSA**