



# Excavators

Common Ground Alliance's Damage Prevention Institute

## What is the Damage Prevention Institute?

The mission of CGA's Damage Prevention Institute (DPI) is to address systemic inefficiencies in the damage prevention process through the development of a system of comprehensive participant accreditation and metrics, creating the foundation for a consolidated benchmarking and true peer review process.



What gets **measured fairly** and **equitably**, gets **managed fairly** and **equitably**.

## DPI takes damage prevention to the next level:

- ✓ Focuses the industry on **accountability** for all stakeholder groups
- ✓ Increases **engagement** of each stakeholder group in their critical roles in the damage prevention process
- ✓ Serves as an **organizational management** tool for damage prevention programs
- ✓ Provides a **transparent** benchmarking process for all stakeholders
- ✓ Facilitates **peer reviews** to evaluate damage prevention practices and enable greater sharing of opportunities and strategies between stakeholders

## Why participate in the DPI?

The DPI will focus on balanced, unbiased measurement across stakeholder groups. In the first year of the DPI, stakeholder performance will be measured as follows:

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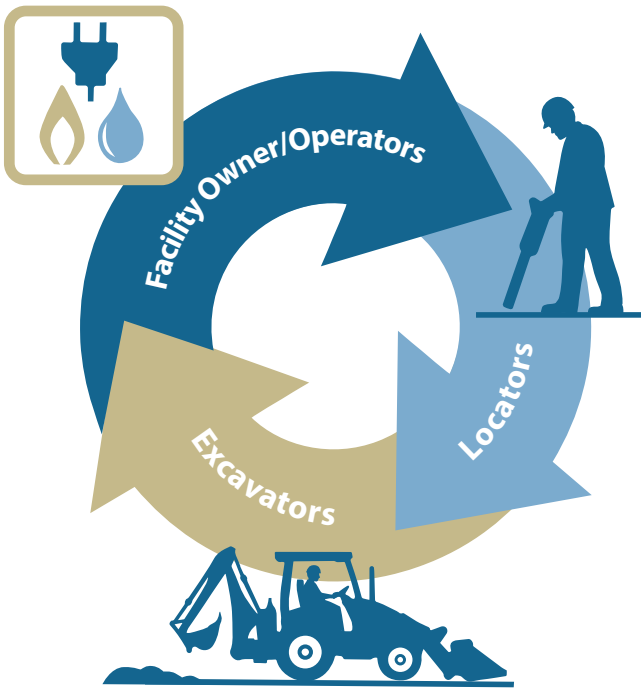
Use of safe excavation practices

### Locators:

Accuracy and timeliness of locates

### Facility Owner/Operators:

Mapping quality and timeliness of updates



## How DPI Serves Excavators

- Equitable accreditation process requires all DPI participants to prioritize their accountability to other stakeholders.
- Peer reviews facilitate information sharing and improvements across the industry.
- Drive the development of the next generation of key performance indicators in damage prevention.
- Understand your organization's performance in relation to your peers.
- Share and learn strategies for driving down damages through peer review.

## How To Become DPI Accredited

### STEP 1:

#### Be a CGA Member.\*

CGA membership is open to all damage prevention stakeholders dedicated to reducing damages to critical underground infrastructure. **Participation in the DPI is included with your CGA membership.** Several membership levels are available, with lower-cost options for governments/municipalities and organizations with fewer than 10 employees.



### STEP 2:

#### Complete the DPI enrollment form on the DPI website



The enrollment form requests from excavators a leadership commitment to the DPI that includes the following:

- Damage reporting
- Metrics reporting  
*(number of ticket transmissions per state, hours worked, etc.)*
- Whistleblower and stop-work authority
- Investigation and corrective action
- Commitment to awareness training and testing on an annual basis
- Compliance with laws and regulations
- Implementation of applicable CGA Best Practices

### STEP 3:

#### Submit damage data to the Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT).

- An email invitation to create a DIRT account is sent after the DPI enrollment form is completed
- For help submitting DIRT data, access video tutorials and the user guide at [cga-dirt.com](http://cga-dirt.com)

### STEP 4:

#### Participate in a peer review.

The pilot program for peer reviews will take place in 2023, with rollout to all stakeholders in 2024.

#### \*Benefits of CGA membership

- Influence the work being done by CGA committees (Including Data Reporting & Evaluation, Educational Programs & Marketing, Best Practices, and Technology)
- Ensure your stakeholder group is well represented
- Demonstrate your commitment to damage prevention
- Gain exposure to new and emerging damage prevention technologies
- Access CGA materials, reports, and program information exclusive to association members
- Member pricing on CGA publications and events