FRESH DIRT

Changes in 2018

In the June 2018 edition of CGA Update, we recapped the new questions on the DIRT form for events on or after Jan. 1, 2018. Now we will recap the questions that have been deleted.

Part E – Notification

Was the One-Call Center notified?

❑ Yes (If Yes, Part F is required)
❑ No (If No, Skip Part F)
~~If Yes, which One-Call Center?~~
If Yes, please provide the ticket number

DIRT no longer asks which one call center was notified. This has never been used in a DIRT report, and if needed could be determined based on the location of the event.

Part F – Locating & Marking

Type of locator

❑ Utility Owner ❑ Contract Locator
❑ Data Not Collected
❑ Unknown/Other

DIRT no longer asks if marks were visible and correct. The April 2018 edition of CGA Update explains this in more detail, but in a nutshell the Data Committee decided the revamped root causes provide the information needed for the annual DIRT Report and for internal analysis by DIRT users.

~~**Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation**~~
~~❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Data Not Collected~~
~~❑ Unknown/Other~~

~~**Were facilities marks correctly**~~
~~❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Data Not Collected~~
~~❑ Unknown/Other~~

DIRT no longer asks for the number of injuries and fatalities. These have also never been analyzed in DIRT reports. The Data Committee's perception is that due to their sensitive nature, DIRT users may not answer the questions for events involving injuries or fatalities, or not submit a DIRT report at all.

If you're still collecting this information for 2018 events, there will be no means to enter it when submitting your 2018 DIRT reports. Worse than having information you don't need, is not having what you do need. Therefore, it's more important to start collecting data for the new questions ASAP.

More information about the changes to the DIRT form can be found in the "New DIRT Field Form Toolkit" which can be accessed here.

Part H – Description of Damage

Number of people injured

~~❑ Unknown ❑ 0 ❑ 1 ❑ 2 to 9~~
~~❑ 10 to 19 ❑ 20 to 49 ❑ 50 to 99~~
~~❑ 100 or more Exact Value _____~~

Number of fatalities

~~❑ Unknown ❑ 0 ❑ 1 ❑ 2 to 9~~
~~❑ 10 to 19 ❑ 20 to 49 ❑ 50 to 99~~
~~❑ 100 or more Exact Value _____~~