

The ORCGA Reporting and Evaluation Committee, via the Damage Information Reporting Tool database, gathers meaningful data regarding the occurrence of facility events and performs analysis of the root causes of damage to underground infrastructure.

This analysis forms the content of the DIRT Report which identifies the root causes of events, the type of equipment used, when they occurred, the type of work performed, and societal costs.

The Reporting and Evaluation Committee also recommends changes to the DIRT Report. Based on many industry articles, presentations, and discussions over the last 18 months, **it has been identified that Late Utility Locates are problematic in Ontario and that the upcoming 2020 DIRT Report should include Late Utility Locates data information.**

**There will be a new question added to the 2020 Ontario DIRT questionnaire. This question is being added to determine if there is a relationship between damages and late locates.**

**The question will be: “Was the locate completed within the required timeframe?”, and the response consists of selecting “Yes”, “No”, or “Unknown” as an answer.**

More communication can be expected in the next few months detailing the upcoming changes to the 2020 DIRT Report and Late Utility Locates data collection.

For additional information on the ORCGA and the 2019 DIRT Report, visit <https://orcga.com/publications/dirt-report/>.