



Contractor Newsletter

JULIE NOTES

The Illinois One-Call System

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Governor Ryan Signs HB 2138

Bill Promotes Safer Digging Environment

After three years of negotiations and a proactive member and excavator outreach campaign coordinated by JULIE, Governor George Ryan signed House Bill 2138, also known as the JULIE Law. The effective date is July 1, 2002.

JULIE, Inc. commended Governor Ryan and the efforts of members of the Illinois General Assembly for the passage of this significant bill designed to promote an easier, safer digging environment in the state of Illinois.

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“HB 2138 strengthens the Illinois Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act by raising the underground utility ‘bar of responsibility’ for both the excavator and facility operator,” said Mark Frost, Executive Director of JULIE, Inc. “Contractors should become familiar with the new language that establishes

reasonable business practices and creates an administrative penalty enforcement program through the ICC.”

All contractors are encouraged to review the full text of HB 2138 at www.state.il.us/state/legis or to visit JULIE’s Web site at www.julie1call.com for a synopsis of the bill.

More information about the amendatory language will also be available at contractor breakfast meetings (see “Safety Breakfast Schedule”) and other venues.

New Section/Quarter Section Policy Approved By Board

The JULIE Board of Directors approved a policy resolution this summer mandating a requirement that all JULIE member companies and their subcontractors provide section and quarter section information when calling in a utility locate request. This measure, which was approved unanimously, is in response to the ongoing desire of the JULIE membership to find ways to reduce the number of non-conflict messages and improve monthly message gridding percentages. After careful review, the policy will go into effect on December 1, 2001.

Specifically, the resolution enacted states:

All JULIE members and their subcontractors, when they are performing excavation work on behalf of JULIE members, shall provide appropriate section and quarter section information during their locate request process through JULIE. Requests from these groups that do not include this required information shall not be processed.

Member companies and all member subcontractors are encouraged to obtain the necessary mapping resources they may need in order to provide this specific information. A copy of the policy resolution and a list of several map sources are available on the JULIE Web site at www.julie1call.com.

WARNING: Call Before You Dig!

TOLL FREE 1-800-892-0123

**TWO WORKING DAYS BEFORE YOU DIG (Excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays)
OPERATES 24 HOURS/365 DAYS A YEAR**

JULIE covers the entire state of Illinois (except for the city of Chicago, which is covered by The Chicago Utility Alert Network - DIGGER/312-744-7000).

The busiest days are Monday and Wednesday and the busiest times are between 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. JULIE encourages you to take advantage of our 24 hours a day, 365 days a year operation.

Unseen but always present are underground pipelines, cables, and other facilities that energy, communications and other companies use to provide services that make for a better standard of living. Protecting the structural integrity of these systems from damage caused by digging or earth moving is necessary if major disruptions of these vital services are to be avoided. That's why JULIE was formed.

The Illinois One-Call System gives property owners, contractors and excavators a way of contacting owners of underground facilities who are JULIE members. This locating request information is sent to the JULIE member companies who have facilities in the requested locating area. The caller is informed **WHICH JULIE MEMBER COMPANIES WILL BE NOTIFIED** and also **THAT THE CALLER IS ENCOURAGED TO SEARCH THE AREA FOR THE FACILITIES OF NON-JULIE MEMBERS AND NOTIFY THEM ON THEIR OWN.**

Underground facilities can be damaged or ruptured by a shovel blade or other digging equipment; a small bend or dent can create problems months later. The ramifications of damaged equipment and interrupted service are serious. Loss of natural gas, telephone, water or electricity can leave communities without such vital services as fire, police and medical protection. When damaged, these vital services can endanger property and public safety-they can also be expensive and time consuming to repair.

Did you know...

It is state law to "Call Before You Dig." The Illinois Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act went into effect January 1, 1991. The law has two main provisions:

- ◆ All persons digging are required to call JULIE prior to excavation.
- ◆ All owners and/or operators of underground facilities are required to join JULIE and mark the location of their facilities or contact you (either via telecommunication or on-site) if they are not involved.

If you damage an underground facility, call the owner and/or operator of that facility immediately.

Ameritech's Damage Prevention Team Shares Win-Win Situation With Contractors

You know who to call in Illinois to get located on an impending job site, JULIE, of course. But whom do you call when an underground facility is incorrectly marked or mistakenly not marked at all? Who can you, as a contractor, talk to when underground facilities that should have been moved, aren't?



Time is of the essence on any project, but excavating without proper markings or placement of facilities can lead to widespread losses of services within a community, as well as close a job-site down for good.

Enter, the Ameritech Damage Prevention team, a new group of employees who serve under the auspices of Infrastructure Maintenance for a five-state area (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin).

Robert Ziegler and Ed Zeman are two members of the team who share custody of Illinois in the prevention of damage to Ameritech's underground facilities. Ziegler's territory includes Chicago and the surrounding areas north of I-88, and Zeman handles the counties south of I-88.

Together, they work toward building alliances with Illinois contractors, municipalities and regulatory agencies by conducting seminars to promote safe digging practices when an issue arises in the field that might threaten the safety of Ameritech's infrastructure, Ziegler and Zeman want Illinois contractors to know whom to call.

"When a problem arises regarding our underground facilities, even after a contractor has followed all of the proper procedures, we're the first ones they should call," says Zeman. "That's the message we want to get across, if nothing else."

For more information, please contact one of the Ameritech team members listed below.

Ameritech's Damage Prevention Team Illinois Contact Information

Jennifer Corlett <i>AIT Region</i>	847/248-5711 (Office) 888/240-6273 (Pager)
Ed Zeman <i>Illinois-Chicago/South I-88</i>	309/686-3314 (Office) 888/532-2752 (Pager)
Robert Ziegler <i>Illinois-Chicago/North I-88</i>	630/462-8797 (Office) 888/263-7343 (Pager)

Northern Illinois Field Liaison Added



The JULIE management team recently announced that Dave Van Wy was named Northern Illinois Field Liaison.

He will be responsible for implementing outreach campaigns and promoting the use and growth of JULIE, Inc. between nonmember and member utilities and excavators in Illinois. He can be reached at 847/635-7992 (office) or 815/351-5002 (cell).

First Railroad Joins JULIE

Earlier this year, Bi-State Development Agency of St. Louis became the first railroad to join JULIE. "This is significant because it will increase damage prevention awareness around their railroad tracks and also open new membership opportunities with other railroad companies in Illinois," said Mark Frost.

The Bi-State Development Agency covers St. Louis and its suburban areas in Missouri and Illinois.

JULIE implemented the "railroad as member" feature of the Web ticket entry screen as well as on JULIE workstations. The operator is prompted to ask the caller if their job is within 100 feet of a railroad when a railroad member is identified for notification on the ticket. The railroad member will be either removed or left on the ticket based on the customer response.

JULIE Announces Safety Breakfast Schedule



JULIE announced that excavator safety breakfast meetings focusing on the new law would be held across the state in the first quarter of 2002. Breakfast flyers with registration information are due to go out the first week in December. Registration information has already been posted on our Web site at www.julie1call.com. Because of an expected increase in attendance, early registration is recommended.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
<i>January 8</i>	<i>St. Anne (Kankakee)</i>
<i>January 9</i>	<i>Elgin</i>
<i>January 10</i>	<i>Moline</i>
<i>January 15</i>	<i>Marion</i>
<i>January 16</i>	<i>Decatur</i>
<i>January 17</i>	<i>Effingham</i>
<i>January 22</i>	<i>Ottawa</i>
<i>January 23</i>	<i>Elmhurst</i>
<i>January 24</i>	<i>Rockford</i>
<i>January 29</i>	<i>Urbana</i>
<i>January 30</i>	<i>Alton</i>
<i>January 31</i>	<i>Olney</i>

<i>February 5</i>	<i>Matteson</i>
<i>February 6</i>	<i>Willowbrook</i>
<i>February 7</i>	<i>Rock Falls</i>
<i>February 12</i>	<i>Collinsville</i>
<i>February 13</i>	<i>Mt. Vernon</i>
<i>February 15</i>	<i>Springfield</i>
<i>February 19</i>	<i>Galena</i>
<i>February 20</i>	<i>Grayslake</i>
<i>February 22</i>	<i>Arlington Heights</i>
<i>February 27</i>	<i>Quincy</i>
<i>February 28</i>	<i>Joliet</i>
<i>March 5</i>	<i>Morton (Peoria)</i>