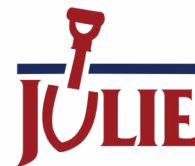


# BRC Information for Members

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As part of the significant changes to the Illinois Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act (JULIE Law) that took effect on January 1, 2025, a new service called Electronic Positive Response is being introduced.

The use of the Electronic Positive Response system will be mandatory and enforceable by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) under state law starting in 2026, but the system will become operational later this year for you to begin testing and using it. Electronic Positive Response allows members to provide responses to locate requests through a series of codes. These codes can be found by [clicking here](#).

One code that has a specific impact on members is Code 51 known as the Beyond Reasonable Control (BRC) Code. On November 7, 2024, the JULIE Board approved Policy Resolution #24-03, establishing expectations for the locating and excavating community in relation to Code 51. [Click here](#) to review the full policy. A document with supporting details is also available by [clicking here](#).

## Key Points for Code 51:

1. Applicability to JULIE Members and Their Subcontractors When Excavating: The BRC process applies to all JULIE members as well as any excavation subcontractors working on their behalf. JULIE members are responsible for ensuring that all their subcontractors are fully informed about the process and its requirements.
2. JULIE Member Response to Locate Requests within a BRC Area: JULIE Members and/or their locating subcontractors in a designated BRC area may request up to two additional days to complete utility locates. It is expected that impacted excavators will approve most requests to support damage prevention efforts.
3. Excavator Response Requirements: An excavator should respond to BRC requests promptly via the email notification sent. If no response is received within the allotted time frame, up to two additional advance notice days will be automatically added to the locate request.
4. BRC Exclusion: If an excavator voluntarily provides two or more additional days when making the locate request, the use of Code 51 will be suppressed. We understand this change may be significant.

For questions and assistance, contact us at [memberinfo@julie1call.com](mailto:memberinfo@julie1call.com)  
or 815-741-5011 (Monday–Friday, 6:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. CST).

For additional resources, visit [www.JULIEBeforeYouDig.com](http://www.JULIEBeforeYouDig.com)

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