



Mission

To provide quality underground damage prevention services.

Value Statement

Delivering excellence through honesty, integrity, and having a highly engaged workforce in a fun and supportive workplace.



2021 Updates to OUFDPA Effective No Later Than November 1, 2021

HB-2028

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Oklahoma Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act (OUFDPA)

- (1) All operators who have underground facilities within the defined geographical boundary of the notification center shall be required to be members in good standing of the notification center.
- (2) All excavators must give no less than forty-eight (48) hours, excluding the date of notification, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays before excavation or demolition.

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Ticket Life is 14 Calendar Days

Section 142.6 A.

Notice shall expire fourteen (14) calendar days from the excavation start date. No excavation may continue after the fourteenth day unless subsequent notice has been submitted pursuant to notice requirements.



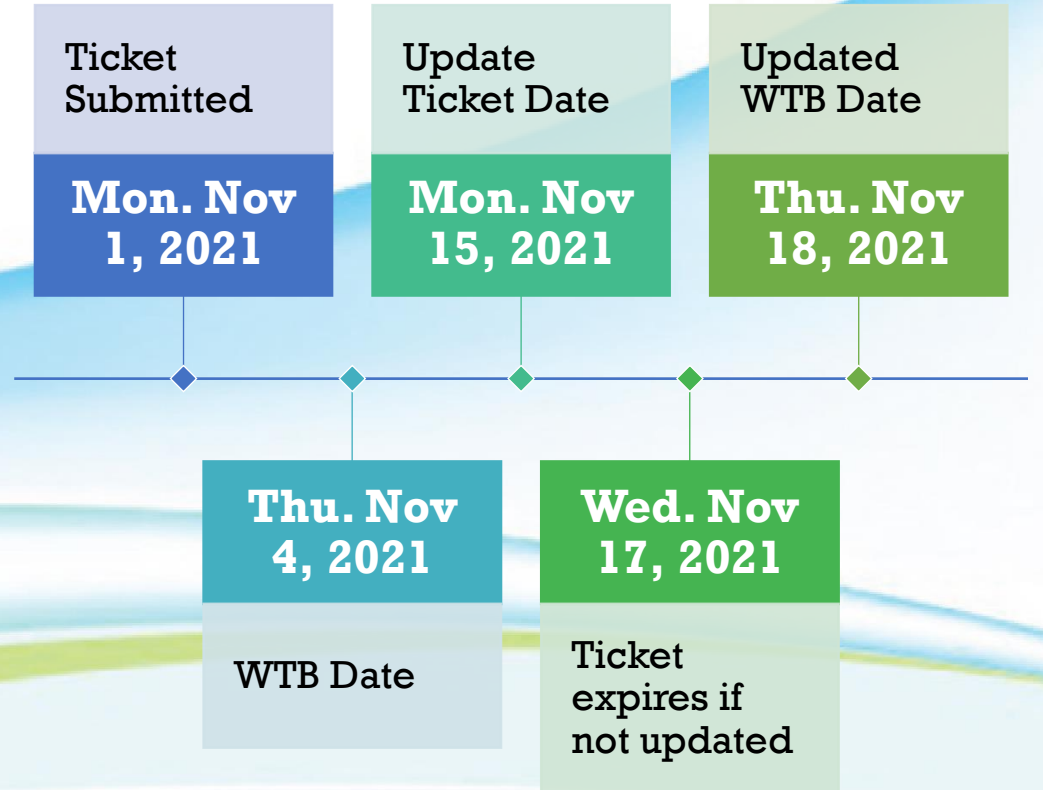
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| 14 |  15 Update - A | 16 |  Expiration - A End of Day |  18 Update WTB - A | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |  Thanksgiving |  Black Friday | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

- A locate request is good for 14 calendar days from work to begin date (WTB).
- WTB Date is Day 1 of 14 Days.

- When excavation will not be completed within 14 calendar days, update no less than 3 business days prior to expiration date.
- Please be attentive to the dates listed on your ticket.











Timeline Depicted for Default Notice



Example B – Default Notice Around Holidays

NOVEMBER

• 2021

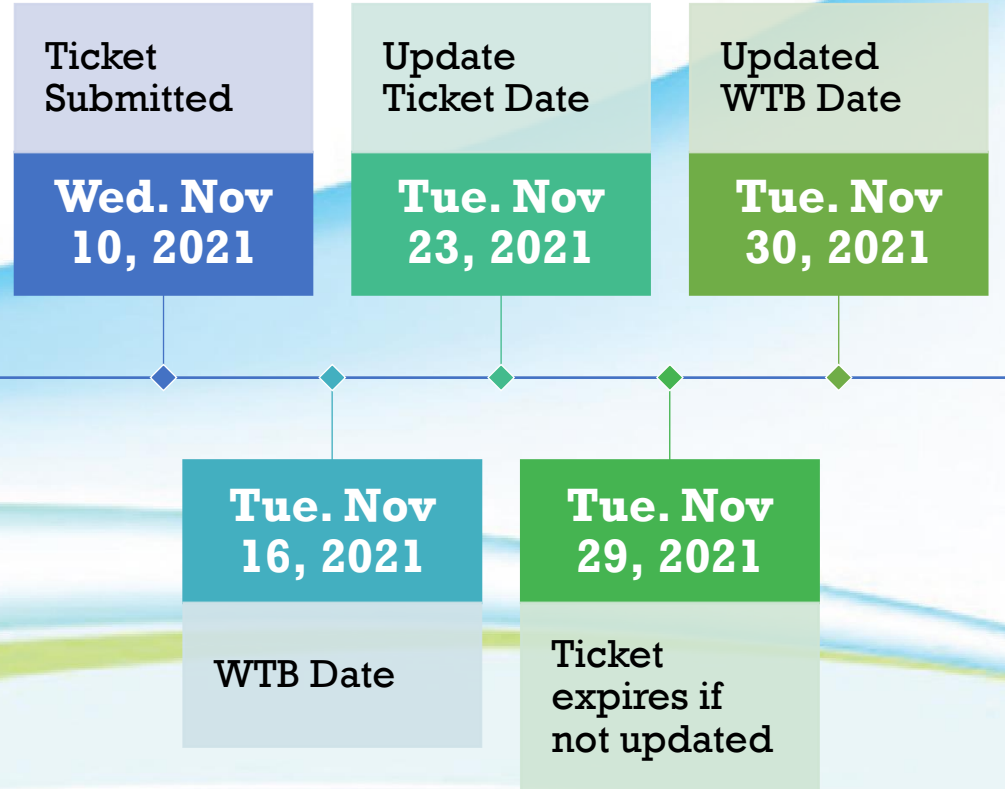
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| 14 | 15 |  WTB Date - B | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 |  Update - B | 24 |  Thanksgiving |  Black Friday | 27 |
| 28 |  Expiration - B End of Day |  Update WTB - B | 30 | | | |

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- When excavation will not be completed within 14 calendar days, update no less than 3 business days prior to expiration date.
- Please be attentive to the dates listed on your ticket.



**Timeline Depicted
With Default Notice
Around Holidays**



Examples as Depicted

Locate Request A - Default

- Monday 11/1/2021 - Ticket submitted
- Thursday 11/4/2021 - Default WTB Date (48 hours not counting date of notification, weekends or holidays)
- Monday 11/15/2021 - Ticket update date
- Wednesday 11/17/2021 - Ticket expires (if not updated)
- Thursday 11/18/2021 - Updated ticket WTB Date

Locate Request B - Holidays









- Wednesday 11/10/2021 - Ticket Submitted
- Tuesday 11/16/2021 - Default WTB date
- Tuesday 11/23/2021 - Ticket Update date
- Tuesday 11/29/2021 - Ticket expires (if not updated)
- Tuesday 11/30/2021 - Updated Ticket WTB Date



Example C – More Than Default Notice

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• 2021

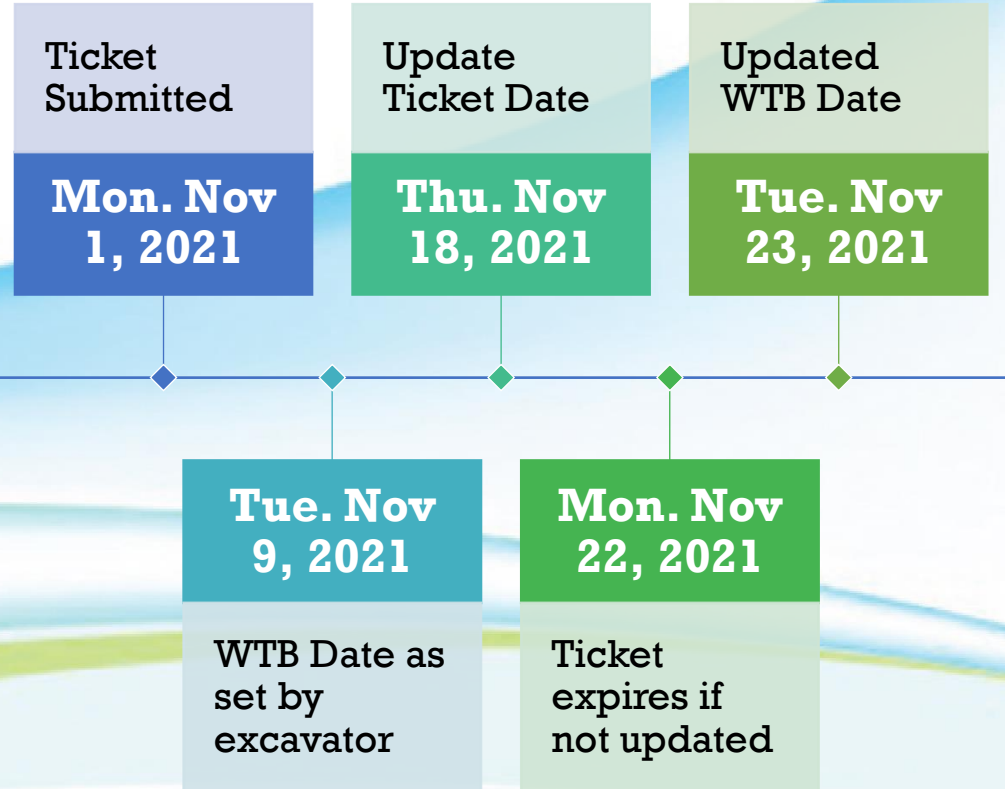
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| |  1 Request - C | 2 | 3 | More Than Default Notice 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 |  9 WTB Date - C | 10 |  11 Veterans Day | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |  18 Update - C | 19 | 20 |
| 21 |  22 Expiration – C End of Day |  23 Update WTB - C | 24 |  25 Thanksgiving |  26 Black Friday | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

- A locate request is good for 14 calendar days from work to begin date (WTB).
- WTB Date is Day 1 of 14 Days.

- When excavation will not be completed within 14 calendar days, update no less than 3 business days prior to expiration date.
- Please be attentive to the dates listed on your ticket.



Timeline for Ticket Submitted with more than default notice.



Examples as Depicted

Locate Request C – More than Default Notice

- Monday 11/1/2021 - Ticket submitted
- Thursday 11/9/2021 – More Than Default Notice WTB Date
- Thursday 11/18/2021 - Ticket update date
- Monday 11/22/2021 - Ticket expires (if not updated)
- Tuesday 11/23/2021 - Updated ticket WTB Date





Mandatory Positive Response for Members, Excavators & OKIE811

Positive Response:

Clear communication of status of processing the locate request to excavators so excavators can confirm response prior to excavation.

Responses provided back to OKIE811 and notice provided on the ticket prior to the Date Work is to Begin.





Mandatory Positive Response for Members

Members must provide the status of processing the locate request to OKIE811 prior to the Work to Begin Date & Time

Section 142.6 B

Each operator shall provide a positive response to the notification center prior to the expiration of the required notice period. This response shall indicate the status of the required activities of the operator or designated representative in regard to the proposed excavation or demolition.





Mandatory Positive Response for Excavators

Excavators must check for response from all companies on the locate request prior to the Work to Begin Date & Time

Section 142.6 A.

An excavator must check for positive response at the notification center prior to excavating or demolishing to ensure that all operators have responded and that all facilities that may be affected by the proposed excavation or demolition have been marked.





Mandatory Positive Response for OKIE811

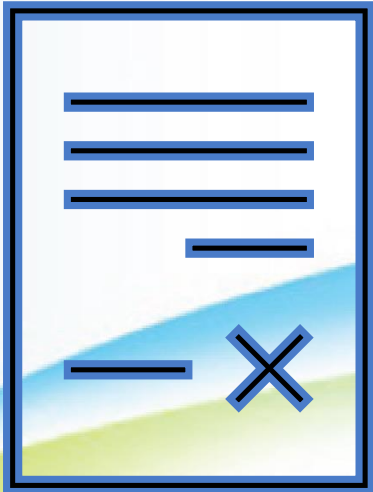
OKIE811 will be the communication hub for member companies and the excavator and keep record of their communication.

Section 142.10 D.

A suitable record shall be maintained by the notification center to document the receipt of the notices from excavators and positive responses from operators as required by this act.



Provisions for State of Emergency Declaration



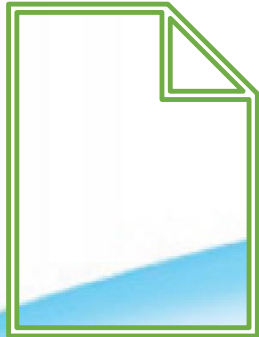
During a **state of emergency**, time limitations do not apply. Locate requests will be the start of communications, and member companies will provide their timelines to the excavator via Positive Response.

Section 142.6 B.

However, during any state of emergency declared by the Governor or Legislature that impacts the area of excavation or demolition, the time limitations of this subsection shall be inapplicable.



Required Damage Reporting to OKIE811



Any Damage to Underground Lines Must be reported to OKIE811 in addition to notifying the Underground Operator.

Section 142.9 A.

When any damage occurs to an underground facility or its protective covering, the operator thereof and the notification center shall be notified immediately by any person who caused the damage.



Better Defined Excavator Responsibilities Around Hazardous Pipelines



- Preservation of Markings during Excavation until Underground Facility has been exposed
- Misuse of Emergency Ticket
- Excess Update Tickets when no Excavation is happening



Contact OKIE811 Prior to Excavation

Always Contact OKIE811
Prior to Excavation or
Demolition to Protect ALL
Underground Facilities.



Section 142.6 A.

Before an excavator shall demolish a structure, discharge any explosive or commence to excavate in a highway, street, alley or other public ground or way, on or near the location of an operator's underground facilities, or a private easement, such excavator shall first notify all operators in the geographic area defined by the notification center who have on file with the notification center a notice pursuant to Section 142.3 of this title to determine whether any operators have underground facilities in or near the proposed area of excavation or demolition.

When an excavator has knowledge that an operator does not have underground facilities within the area of the proposed excavation, the excavator need not notify the operator of the proposed excavation. However, an excavator shall be responsible for damage to the underground facilities of an operator if the notification center was not notified.



Hydrocarbon and Hazardous Liquid Emphasis

**Excavation or Demolition Can Not Begin
Without Markings around Hydrocarbon and
Hazardous Liquid Pipelines.**

Section 142.6 A.

When an excavator has actual knowledge that an operator has unmarked hydrocarbon and hazardous liquid underground facilities within the area of proposed excavation, the excavator shall not commence excavation or demolition until notice has been given and such facilities have been marked. For purposes of this section, "actual knowledge" shall mean direct and clear knowledge; provided, however, actual knowledge may be demonstrated through circumstantial evidence and if the circumstances are such that a defendant must have known, an inference of actual knowledge is permitted



Preservation of Hydrocarbon and Hazardous Liquid Markings

Excavators must maintain markings for duration of the excavation work. If marks are no longer visible, they must update their request.

Section 142.6 A.

The excavator shall maintain and preserve all hydrocarbon and hazardous liquid markings for the duration of the excavation or demolition and shall notify the notification center if such marks are no longer visible or are removed and underground facilities have not been exposed.



Fraudulent Requests

Excavator **may** be liable to Operator for cost of locates:

- If Excessive & Unreasonable locates are submitted when no excavation is taking place.
- If an emergency request isn't justified as an endangerment to life, health, or property.

Section 142.6 A. (No Work Taking Place Requests)

- If excessive and unreasonable requests for marking are made by an excavator when no excavation is taking place within fourteen (14) calendar days, the excavator may be liable to the owner or operator for the reasonable cost of such marking.

Section 142.6 C. (Non-emergency, Emergency Requests)

- If requests for emergency locates are made by an excavator when there is no emergency, the excavator may be liable to the owner or operator for the reasonable cost of emergency response.



Thank You!

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