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Dear Sir/Madam

## Request for 2017 & 2018 Utility Strike Data

I write to you on behalf of the Utility Strike Avoidance Group (USAG) Data & Reporting Working Group.

USAG is a collaborative group of over 180 Asset Owners, Contractors, Service Providers and Associations and Regulators that are striving to ensure the highest standards of safety and best practice when carrying out essential work to avoid utility strikes.

As part of this drive, USAG produces an Annual Report on Utility Strikes to highlight trends in asset damage throughout the UK; a concept based on international best practice. The drivers for this are to:

- ✓ help all involved improve our practices
- ✓ reduce damages and delays
- ✓ and most importantly to increase the safety of all persons affected by working in and around utilities.

Copies of previous years' reports are available on the USAG website [here](#).

In order to keep momentum on such an important issue, we are now asking for your data relating to strikes during both 2017 and 2018 to keep your administrative time to a minimum. All data will be anonymised and a Non-Disclosure Agreement is available upon request. The data requests attached to the email are almost identical for each year- the only additional field this year is micro/narrow trenching under equipment used.

The spreadsheet has functionality to allow you to review your data in a similar format to the Report, allowing you to benchmark against the rest of the industry.

Please provide as much relevant data as you hold in each column (more information on each strike allows us to make more meaningful conclusions) and return via the email address below: [data@utilitystrikeavoidancegroup.org](mailto:data@utilitystrikeavoidancegroup.org).

We thank you in advance for your help; the deadline date for return of 2017 & 2018 information is **07 June 2019**. Your efforts to keep to this deadline are appreciated as it will enable the finalised reports for both 2017 and 2018 to be compiled and made available in the coming months for the good of the whole industry.

Yours faithfully

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**For and on behalf of the Utility Strike Avoidance Group**