



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Chipman's Maintenance**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1052

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 02/07/2012

Damage Date: 07/14/2010 1:35:08 PM

Damage Address: 303 W Conwell St

City: Aurora

County: Dearborn

The Parties

Excavator: **Chipman's Maintenance**

Contact: Randolph Turner, Superintendent

Address: 110 Main St, Po Box 120, Aurora, In 47001

Telephone: 812-926-2745

Facility Owner: Aurora Utilities

Contact: Randolph Turner

Address: 110 Main Street, Aurora, IN 47001

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

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Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 9

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$225

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1006102173

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas main occurred during excavation for a sewer project.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811. Randolph Turner of Aurora Municipal Utilities responded to the initial notice on 11/22/2011. Chipman's Maintenance was hired by the town of Aurora for the sewer project. Mr. Turner submits that Aurora Gas personnel were on site when damage occurred. The locate request had expired, in spite of the fact that there were gas personnel with the excavation crew.

Conclusion: There was a failure to extend the locate request, allowing it to expire.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g): Failure to provide notice of excavation.

Chipman's Maintenance currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

Information Request

Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 1052

The Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requests any and all information you can provide regarding the following criteria:

The Parties:

Excavator Information:

Business Name: Chipman's Maintenance

Responsible Party Personal Name: Wayne Chipman

Title (if any): Owner

Address: 298 Decature St.

City, State; Zip: Aurora IN 47001

Preferred Telephone: Cell Phone Number: 513-479-9617

Email Address: N/A

Facility information:

Business Name: Aurora Utilities

Responsible Party Personal Name: Randolph Turner

Title (if any): Superintendent

Address: 110 Main St. PO Box 120

City, State, Zip: Aurora IN 47001

Preferred Telephone: 812-926-2745

Cell Phone Number: 812-221-0823

Email Address: waterman310@hotmail.com

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: Aurora Utilities

Responsible Party Personal Name: SAME

Title (if any):

Address:

City. State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Other (Witness, Police, Fire, Other) Information:

Personal Contact: Darrel Weaver, Jason Ascraft of Chipmans Maint. Brian Gibbs, Kevin Gerke of Aurora Utility

Business/Organization Name:

Title (if any)

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Utility Line Impact:

Location of Damage:

Address: 303 West Conwell St

City, State Zip: Aurora IN 47001

Nearest Intersection: Gaff Street

Product Type (circle one):

Natural Gas X
Liquid Pipeline
Unknown/Other

Facility Type (circle one):

Distribution X
Gathering
Service/Drop
Transmission
Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): 4" PE _____

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): 35 PSI _____

Interruption in Service: X Yes/No **Number of Customers Affected:** 9 _____

Evacuation: Yes / No X **If yes, How Many Evacuated?** N/A _____

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 225 _____

Cause of Damage Information:

Type of Equipment (circle one):

Auger
Backhoe/Trackhoe X
Boring /Drilling
Directional Drilling
Explosives
Farm Equipment
Grader/Scraper
Hand Tools
Milling Equipment
Probing Device
Trencher
Vacuum Equipment
Unknown/Other

Type of Work Performed (circle one):

Agriculture
Cable TV
Curb/Sidewalk
Bldg. Construction
Bldg. Demolition
Drainage
Driveway
Electric
Engineering/Surveying
Fencing
Grading
Irrigation
Landscaping
Liquid Pipeline
Milling
Natural Gas
Pole
Public Transit Authority
Railroad Maintenance
Road Work
Sewer (Sanitary/Storm) X
Site Development
Steam
Storm Drain/Culvert
Street Light
Telecommunications
Traffic Signal
Traffic Sign
Water
Waterway Improvement
Unknown/Other

Release of Product: XYes / No
Ignition and/or Fire: Yes / NoX
Excavator Notify 811: X Yes / No

Locate Information:

Excavator Request Locate: X Yes / No
Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: _____1006102173_____

Locate Marks Visible: X Yes / No
Locate Marks Correct: X Yes / No
Excavator "White Lined": Yes / NoX
Maps Used to Mark Facilities: Yes / NoX
Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days: X Yes / No
Operator Employees On-site during Excavation: XYes / No

Incident Impact Information:

Number of Outpatient Treated: _____
Number of Inpatient Treated: _____
Number of Fatalities: _____

Fire Department Response: Yes / NoX
Police Department Response: Yes / NoX
Ambulance Response: Yes / NoX

Additional Information/Comments: This was the Utility Subcontractor for our sewer replacement work, as part of a major street rehabilitation effort. Aurora Utility personnel were with the excavator, and just missed the yellow marking of our gas main. It was decided to squeeze off the pipe, as it only involved 9 customers, for repair with two couplings and 3' of pipe.

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED