



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Allen Steckler**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2063

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 6/5/2012

Damage Date: 8/6/2011

Damage Address: 1311 W 1100 S

City: St. Henry

County: Dubois

### The Parties

Excavator: **Allen Steckler**

Contact:

Address: 21720 N 700 E, Ferdinand, In 47532

Telephone: 812-367-1531

Facility Owner: Community Natural Gas, Inc.

Contact: Donald Kieffer

Address: 118 N Division Street, Mt Carmel, IL 62863

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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**Damage Impact**

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$120

**Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:**

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1108031369

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Drainage

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a sewer line.

**Findings:** Reported by Frank Daunhauer; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 5/10/2012. A group of volunteers for the Church was working to install a sewer and was hand excavating looking for the gas service when the line was damaged.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to maintain two (2) feet of clearance.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b) Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities; Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.**

**Allen Steckler** currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 2063

Your Full Name: Donald E. Kieffer

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Community Natural Gas Co. Inc.

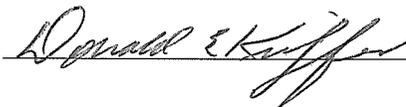
Your Business Title (if applicable): President

Address (number and street): 118 N. Division St.

City: Mt. Carmel State: IL ZIP Code: 62863

Your E-mail Address: commgas@frontier.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): 5/16/12

Your Signature:  Title (if any) President

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 2063  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, 1500E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan the statement and Email to:

[PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)

No additional information is available from Community Natural Gas.

**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION**Case Number:** 2063 \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Upon completion of answers select email button for submission.*

**The Parties****Excavator Information:**

Business Name: Steckler Trenching, LLC \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party Personal Name: Allen Steckler \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): Owner/Operator &amp; In this case Church Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): 21758 N 700 E \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: Ferdinand, In 47532 \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 812-367-1531 \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 812-630-1174 \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: amchevelle@fullnet.com \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: ST. Henry Church \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party Personal Name: Fr. Damian Schmaltz \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): 1311 W 1100 S \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: Ferdinand, In 47532

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 812-367-2731

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): none

Email Address: sthenrychurch@fullnet.com

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: Indiana Underground / Confirmation #1108031369

Responsible Party Personal Name: David Pund

Title (if any): Church Volunteer

Address (number and street): 9060 S 375 W

City, State and ZIP Code: Huntingburg, In 47542

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 812-683-2816

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 812-630-4244

Email Address: none

**Cause of Damage Information**

Type of Equipment (select one): Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed (select one): Storm Drain/Culvert

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

Personal Contact: Matthew Steckler

Business/Organization Name: St. Henry Vol. Fire Dept.

Title (if any): Church Volunteer

Address (number and street): 21720 N 700E

City, State and ZIP Code: Ferdinand, In 47532

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): none

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 812-631-1784

Email Address: none

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**Utility Line Impact**

**Location of Damage:**

Address (*number and street*): 1311 W 1100 S

City, State and ZIP Code: Ferdinand, In 47532

Nearest Intersection: 1100 S & 100 W

**Product Type (*select one*):** Natural Gas

**Facility Type (*select one*):** Service/Drop

**Size (Diameter/etc.):** 1/2"

**Pressure (PSIG/Inches):** unknown

**Interruption in Service:**      Yes      No     **Number of Customers Affected:** 1

**Evacuation:**      Yes      No     **If yes, How Many Evacuated?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Repair Cost (if known):** \$ 120

**Release of Product:**      Yes      No

**Ignition and/or Fire:**      Yes      No

**Excavator Notify 811:**      Yes      No

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**Locate Information**

**Excavator Request Locate:**      Yes      No

**Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number:** 1108031369

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

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### Incident Impact Information

Number of Outpatient Treated: none

Number of Inpatient Treated: none

Number of Fatalities: none

Fire Department Response:  Yes  No

Police Department Response:  Yes  No

Ambulance Response:  Yes  No

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### Additional Information / Comments

The incident happen while church volunteers were repairing storm sewers at St. Henry Church, Ferdinand, Indiana. the line had been located and opened. This was very hard digging do to rock driveway and tree roots. One of the church volunteers was using a hand shovel to clear tree roots from trench and he (David Pund) hit the line with his hand shovel cutting it . The line was immediately clamped to keep gas from leaking out and Community Gas was called to repair the line. This took place on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011.

**NARRATIVE STATEMENT**

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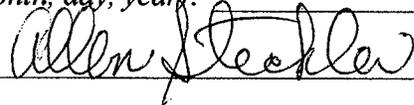
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City: Ferdinand State: In ZIP Code: 47532

Your E-mail Address: amchevelle@fullnet.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): 05/06/2012

Your Signature:  Title (if any) Owner&Church Volunteer

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