



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: M And C Trenching

UPPAC Database Record ID: **3128**

Report Date: 04/17/2013

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 6/4/2012 9:04:12 AM

Damage Address: 6885 W North Lake Gage Dr, Orland, Steuben County

### The Parties

Excavator: **M And C Trenching** (Contractor)

Address: 4745 East In Rt 120, Fremont, In 46737

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1205250136

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Excavator struck and damaged a plastic natural gas service during excavation to install sewer facilities.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 7/17/2012. There was an abandoned line close to the live service; both had been exposed but the backhoe clipped the live service enough to cause damage.

**Conclusion:** Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance from the gas facility.

**Violation: 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.**



## DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jul 6, 2012

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### Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO)

Business address (*number and street*): 3511 East 15th Ave

City, State, and ZIP code: Gary, IN 46403

Telephone number (*area code*): 219 962 0422

Fax number (*area code*): 219 962 0404

E-mail address: cludwig@nisource.com

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### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: M & C Trenching

Business address (*number and street*): 4745 East IN RT 120

City, State, and ZIP code: Fremont, IN 46737

Telephone number (*area code*): 260 495 3930

Fax number (*area code*):

E-mail address:

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Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

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**Date and Location of Damage**

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jun 4, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

County: Steuben \_\_\_\_\_

City: Orland \_\_\_\_\_

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
6685 W North Lake Gage Dr Angola IN \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest intersection: Lane 105 Lime Lk \_\_\_\_\_

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Property damage, Estimate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Affected Facility Information**

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

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What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 18 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Notification, Locating, Marking**

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

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Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Contract Locator

If a contractor locator, enter the company name, if known: USIC

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? Yes

Type of markings used: Paint and Flags

If other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Was site marked by "White Lining"?

Were special instructions part of the locate request? Unknown/Other

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Unknown/Other

Were pipeline company representatives on site during excavation? No

Did the excavator notify the operator in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify Indiana 811 in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Unknown/Other

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### **Description of Cause**

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Failure to use hand tools where required

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### **Additional Comments**

Damage ticket #: 1205312581

Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1205312912

This damage was reported by IN811 in Spreadsheet CE. MAO 7/10/2012.



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101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

August 13, 2012

*Via Electronic Transmission – [PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)*

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3128  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3128

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information, and supporting documentation, relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 6/4/2012

Event Location: 6885 W North Lake Gage Dr, Orland

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: M and C Trenching

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3128

NIPSCO has reviewed its recovery and damage prevention files for this matter and has provided answers, when known, to the list of questions set forth in the Information Request. To the extent available, NIPSCO is also providing a copy of the Damage Information Report – Pipeline Safety Division previously submitted by NIPSCO to IURC Pipeline Safety as well as additional documentation relating to this Event Location.

Upon completion of the investigation, NIPSCO requests that it be provided with a copy of the Pipeline Division's Investigation Report with findings that will be forwarded to the Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee. If there are any additional questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle  
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal  
Phone: 317-684-4904  
Fax: 317-684-4918  
Email: [cearle@nisource.com](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3128</b>	
Date of Event	6/4/2012
Event Location	6885 W North Lake Gage Dr, Orland
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	M and C Trenching
Date of IURC Information Request	7/13/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	M & C Trenching
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	4745 East IN RT 120
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Fremont, IN 46737
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260 495 3930
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	260 316 5404
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	LUKE SELKING
TITLE	
ADDRESS	1501 HALE AVENUE
CITY/STATE/ZIP	FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260/439-1290
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM">LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM</a>
<b>LOCATOR SERVICE INFORMATION</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	USIC
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Morgan Thompson
TITLE (IF ANY)	Claims Coordinator
ADDRESS	9045 N. River Rd. Suite 300
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Indianapolis, IN 46240
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	1-317-538-7301
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	Same
EMAIL ADDRESS	morganthompson@usicinc.com
<b>OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION</b>	
PERSONAL CONTACT	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	

ADDRESS	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>UTILITY LINE IMPACT</b>	
<b>LOCATION OF DAMAGE</b>	
ADDRESS	6685 W North Lake Gage Dr
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Angola, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	N 700 W
<b>PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)</b>	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
<b>FACILITY TYPE (Select One)</b>	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	X
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	¾"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	30
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
<b>CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)</b>	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	X
<b>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)</b>	
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 (YES/NO)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y 1206040641
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1205250136
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Y
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	Y
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Y
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N
<b>INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION</b>	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FACILITIES	
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
FPOLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
<p>Excavator failed to use hand tools where required  Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1205312912</p>	



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### **Additional Comments**

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Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1205312912

# Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120604002  
Northern IN  
6/4/2012 9:15:00 AM  
6/4/2012 9:27:21 AM  
DAWN Facility Owner  
6685 W NORTH LAKE GAGE DR.  
ANGOLA  
ST: IN ZIP:

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NOTIFICATION ID:  
DISTRICT:  
DAMAGE DATE:  
NOTIFICATION DATE:  
NOTIFIED BY:  
DAMAGE ADDRESS:  
CITY:

NIPSCO

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DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

06/04/2012  
10:00:00  
10:30:00

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INVESTIGATION DATE:  
FROM:  
TO:

M & C Trenching  
SEWER

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EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:  
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1205250136

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ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:  
START DATE/TIME:  
TYPE OF TICKET:  
LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

1206040641

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DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:  
START DATE/TIME:

JAMES KRAUCHAAR  
6/4/2012 10:30:00 AM  
Digital

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PICTURES TAKEN BY:  
DATE/TIME:  
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:  
FRAME #:

113397

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INVESTIGATOR EMP#:  
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

MIKEOBERLIN  
**BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?**  
No

## Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120604002

NIPSCO

*(optional)*

**NOTIFICATION ID:**

**SELECT A CUSTOMER:**

**CUSTOMER #:**

LOWPROF

Gas Service

Krauchaar James - 131779

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:**

**FACILITY ID:**

**LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:**

**LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:**

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:**

Facility Marked Accurately

**Other:**

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):**

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation,  
Investigator Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up

**INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:**

CONTRACTOR EXPOSED A PIPE WHILE EXPOSING GAS LINE, THOUGHT IT WAS THE GAS LINE STARTED TO DIG AND HIT LIVE LINE. THERE WAS A DAMAGE AT THIS ADDRESS ON 5-31. THE GAS LINE THAT WAS HIT TODAY WAS MARKED CORRECTLY AND RAN TO THE BROWN HOUSE, THE DAMAGE ON 5-31 WAS TO THE BLUE/GREY HOUSE.

**NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**

U/K

**NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**

U/K

**LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**

U/K

**WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL?**

Yes

**WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA?**

Yes

**WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?**

Yes

**EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE**

SERVICE

**REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE**

U/K

**WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?**

No

**WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?  
IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?**

No

**IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)**

NIPSCO 00152 IUPPSa 06/04/2012 09:04:17 1206040641-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1206040641 Date: 06/04/2012 Time: 09:00 Oper: AHINES Chan:085

State: IN Cnty: STEUBEN Twp: MILLGROVE  
Cityname: ORLAND Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision: KIMBALLS BEACH

Address : 6885  
Street : W NORTH LAKE GAGE DR  
Cross 1 : N 700 W Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF THE GARAGE GOING TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER  
OF THE HOUSE INCLUDING BOTH SIDES OF WEST NORTH LAKE GAGE DRIVE  
\*\*\*Boring Where = UNDER WEST NORTH LAKE GAGE DRIVE  
:  
Grids : 4142C8507D 4142C8507C  
Boundary: n 41.707344 s 41.705475 w -85.122032 e -85.118156

Work type : INSTALLING SEWER LINE  
Done for : MIKE CURLESS  
Start date: 06/04/2012 Time: 09:00 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: Y Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : 2 DAYS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : M AND C TRENCHING Type: CONT  
Co addr : 4745 EAST IN RT 120  
City : FREMONT State: IN Zip: 46737  
Caller : TODD WILLIAMSON Phone: (260)495-3930  
Contact : TODD WILLIAMSON--CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (260)316-5404

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
A GAS LINE HAS BEEN DAMAGED - THE LINE BELONGS TO NIPSCO - THE LINE IS BLOWING -  
CAN HEAR AND SMELL - THE LINE WAS DAMAGED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE  
PROPERTY - THE LINE IS ORANGE - HAS CALLED NIPSCO AND 911 - CREW IS ON SITE -  
PREVIOUS TICKET 1205312581  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES  
:

Submitted date: 06/04/2012 Time: 09:00  
Members: ID3015 ID4844 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

CASE # 312B

NIPSCO 00031 IUPPSa 05/25/2012 07:35:41 1205250136-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1205250136 Date: 05/25/2012 Time: 07:25 Oper: JSMITH Chan:088

State: IN Cnty: STEUBEN Twp: MILLGROVE  
Cityname: ORLAND Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision: KIMBALLS BEACH

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Start date: 05/30/2012 Time: 07:45 Hours notice: 120/48 Priority: NORM  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: Y Railroad: N Emergency: N  
Duration : 2 DAYS Depth: 3 FEET

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Mobile : (260)316-5404

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES  
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Submitted date: 05/25/2012 Time: 07:25  
Members: ID3015 ID4844 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

CASE # 3128

Date 6-4-12

City Angora

Address 6685 W North Lake Caze Dr

Contractor M&Trenching

Type of Equipment Hydro Hoe

Work Type excavation

Locate #

Locates (yes/no) yes

Accurate Locates (yes/no) (yes)

Paint, flags or (both)

Release of Gas (yes/no) (yes)

Detailed description of Event including equipment used

Contractor had visual on service but caught w/bucket

Depth of line 18 in

Were locates performed in 2 working days (yes/no)

Service or main and size of line 3/4 plastic

Pressure (PSI) 30

Outage (yes/no) (yes)

How many customers lost 1

Time to restore service 4hr

Evacuation (yes/no) (yes)

How many evacuated 1 House

(Damage) or leak



**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

**Case Number:** 3128

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*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.*

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**The Parties**

**Excavator Information:**

Business Name: M & C Trenching

Responsible Party Personal Name: Michael Stuckey

Title (if any): owner

Address (number and street): 4745 East State Road 120

City, State and ZIP Code: Fremont, In. 46737

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 260-495-3930

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 260-316-6285

Email Address: mike.stuckey1@frontier.com

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Responsible Party Personal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party Personal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address (*number and street*): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cause of Damage Information**

**Type of Equipment (*select one*):** Backhoe/Trackhoe

**Type of Work Performed (*select one*):** Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

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

Personal Contact: Michael Stuckey \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization Name: M & C Trenching \_\_\_\_\_

Title (*if any*): owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address (*number and street*): 4745 East State road 120 \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: Fremont, In. 46737 \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 260-495-3930 \_\_\_\_\_



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: <sup>0</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Inpatient Treated: <sup>0</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Fatalities: <sup>0</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department Response:  Yes  No

Police Department Response:  Yes  No

Ambulance Response:  Yes  No

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### Additional Information / Comments

Line was pot holed and visible except this was an abandoned line and the hot line was about 1' away which is the one we hit,

**NARRATIVE STATEMENT**

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3128

Your Full Name: Michael stuckey

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): M & C Trenching

Your Business Title (if applicable): owner

Address (number and street): 4745 East State road 120

City: Fremont State: In ZIP Code: 46737

Your E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date (month, day, year): 07/17/2012

Your Signature:  Title (if any) owner

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3128**  
**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)

Claim # 3126 + 3128

Shawn

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My NAME is SHAWN GAHAGAN. I AM EMPLOYED FOR M+C TRENCHING. ON MAY 31st, 2012, OUR BORE CREW WAS AT 6685 N.W. LAKE GAGE DR. TO INSTALL A 4" SEWER PIPE UNDER THE ROAD. AFTER COMPLETING THE BORE WE STARTED EXCAVATING DOWN. IN THE PROCESS, WE STRUCK AN UNMARKED GAS SERVICE LINE THAT CAME FROM THE NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY AND WHICH CROSSED ONTO SAID PROPERTY. WHEN WE STARTED THE EXCAVATION, WE WERE FIVE FEET AWAY FROM THE GAS LINE OF THE ADDRESS ON WHICH WE WERE WORKING. WE RETURNED TO THE SITE THE FOLLOWING WEEK, ON JUNE 4, 2012, WITH TWO CREWS TO COMPLETE THE JOB. THE OTHER CREW WAS DIGGING A TRENCH FOR THE GRAVITY LINE. A GAS LINE WAS HIT AT 6685 N.W. LAKE GAGE DR. THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Shawn Gahan

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To whom it concerns:

M&C Trenching

Jason Leinger

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I Jason Leinger an employee of M&C Trenching was called out to our job at 6685 w.n. lake gage drive on 5/31/2012 for a gas line we hit. Upon arrival the gas co. had the line shut down. I asked our employees on site what happened they showed me where all the gas lines had been marked for the property where the work is being done. We was digging over five feet away from the marks to find the bore head when they hit a gas line. Not sure where this gas line went that we hit we asked the gas co. if it is ok to hook our locator up to the broken tracer wire where we hit the gas line they said that's fine. We located the gas line going to the next door resident's house it was never marked out. The locating co. that locates for 811 showed up and investigated the situation and said it was their fault they didn't mark the neighbor's gas line out assumed it ran straight out to the main.

On 6/4/2012 I showed up to the job at 6685 w.n. lake gage drive where Greg Sanders another employee of M&C already hand dug down to a gas line in between the last yellow mark and the curb box for the shut off were we was going to run the sewer line. I stuck a shovel next to the line we had exposed to mark it in case any dirt fell in the hole. Greg started to dig the trench for the sewer line towards the gas line we had exposed we was about 8 to 10 inches away from the line we found when I heard gas leaking from a broken line in our trench when he pulled a bucket of dirt out of the hole. We shut down and called 911 then the gas co. Once the gas co. got the gas shut off and the line dug up I dug up my shovel that was marking the line we found. The line we found was abandon line the live line was about 8 inches away and couple inches deeper than the one we found and thought was the live gas line. If any Questions you can contact me at (419) 583-0005.

Thanks Jason Leinger

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To Whom it MAY CONCERN:

My NAME IS TODD WILLIAMSON I LIVE AT  
5345 N. S.R. 827 FREMONT MY PHONE # IS  
260 316 5404

MEN ON JOB: SHAWN GA HAGAN AND MYSELF

The morning we started our BORE we  
pot holed the MAIN GAS LINE ON NW SIDE OF  
ROAD located it for our Bore setup. We then  
went to other side of ROAD AND located our  
GAS LINE FROM where our BORE WAS TO END.  
THIS GAS LINE RAN FROM the House 6685 W North  
LK GAGE DR to the MAIN ON the NORTH SIDE of  
the ROAD. We DID our BORE FROM the NORTH  
SIDE OF ROAD to the south located our BORE  
HEAD AND prepared to hook up 6" SDR pipe  
to pullback. I got in the MINI to dig back 10'  
for our pipe to slide down the trench for pullback.  
We were 5' FROM our located GAS LINE Digging  
BACK I CAUGHT A SERVICE GAS LINE NOT MARKED  
FROM the House next door see NOTES: They (GAS CO.)  
RAN the GAS LINE FROM NEXT DOOR 6683 NEXT  
to the SHUT OFF FROM 6685. We JUST DID NOT  
KNOW ANOTHER LINE EXISTED.

Todd Williamson 7-17-12

To Whom it May concern

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Men ON JOB:

TODD WILLIAMSON

SHAWN GAGAN

GREG SANDERS

JASON LEININGER

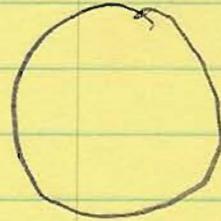
2ND DAY ON JOB.

We left HIT GAS LINE EXPOSED SO WE COULD DIG UNDER IT FOR OUR SDR 35 PIPE I SAW GREG HAND DIG UP MARKED GAS LINE FOR OUR TRENCH PATH. HE LOCATED IT I CAN REMEMBER HE HAD ABOUT 1 1/2' DUG ON BOTH SIDES OF IT, I THEN WENT TO OTHER SIDE OF STREET TO DO MORE WORK. WHEN I SAW GREG STARTING TO DIG WITH MINI WE HAD SHOVEL IN FRONT OF EXPOSED GAS LINE. HE HAD 1' BUCKET ON. I DID NOT SEE HIM HIT GAS LINE BUT WHEN HE PUT 1' BUCKET IN HIS HAND DUG TRENCH THE GOOD LINE WAS ABOUT 6" DEEPER THAN THE ONE HE HAD EXPOSED AND 8" AWAY FROM IT NO ONE COULD HAVE KNOWN THE GOOD LINE WAS UNDER AN OLD LINE UNLESS WE HAD DUG A 10' X 10' AREA 4' DEEP - NOT HIS FAULT.

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Todd Williamson

Area where gas lines came in



ROAD

SHUTOFFS

CUT THIS ONE

2' 8" Deep MARKED LINE

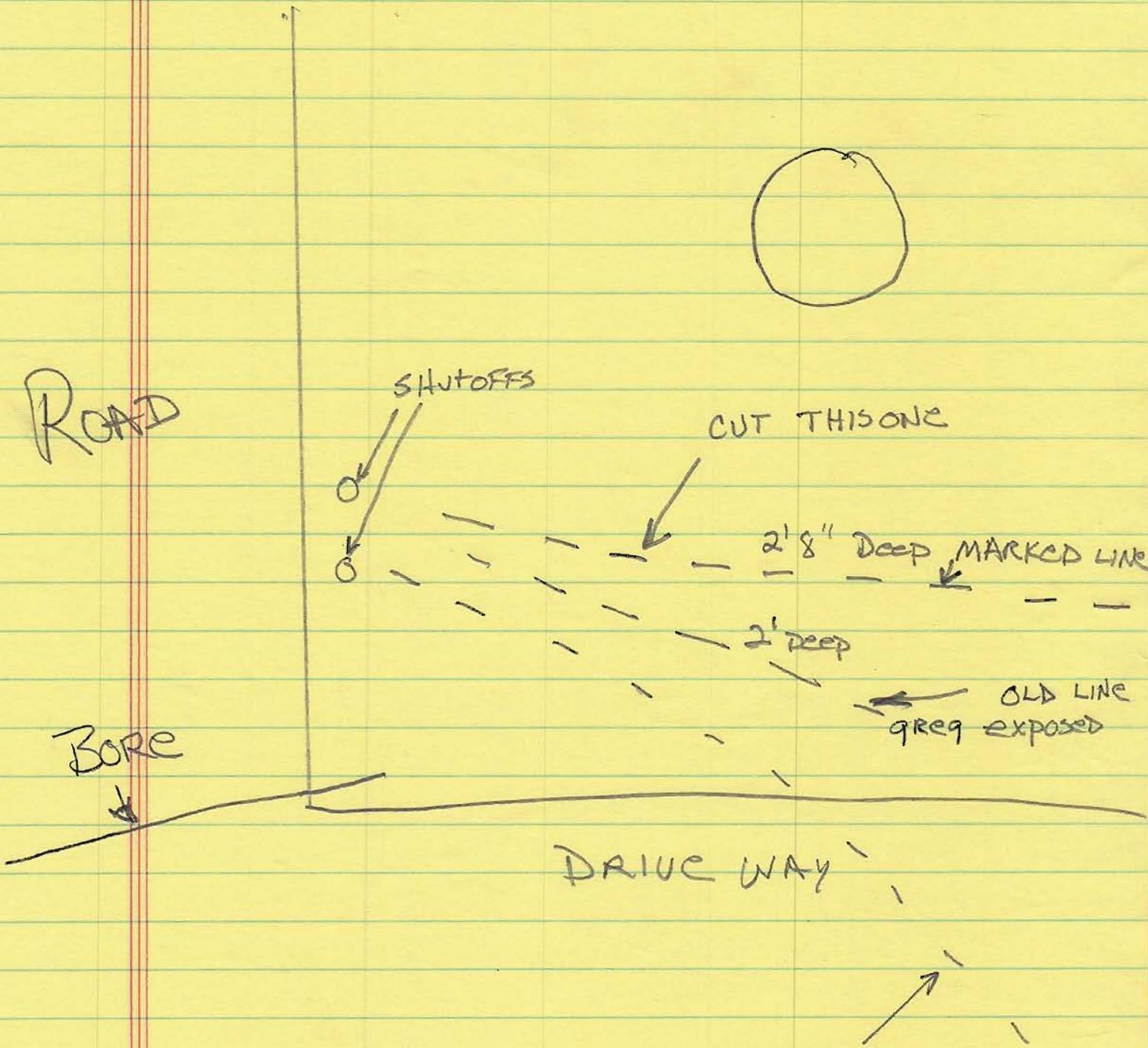
2' Deep

OLD LINE  
9899 exposed

BORE

DRIVE WAY

First UN MARKED  
GAS FROM 6683



6685 W North LK Bage Dr

Sewer main

GAS MAIN

Driveway

House  
6685

GRINDER

MARKED GAS

Property line

BARE

Property line

GARAGE

DRIVEWAY

House  
6683

GAS MAIN

GAS LINE NOT MARKED  
FROM 6683

HIT THIS UNMARKED LINE

