



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Hipskind Concrete**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3296

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 1/5/2013

Damage Date: 6/29/2012 1:33:26 PM

Damage Address: Lima Valley Dr

City: Fort Wayne

County: Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Hipskind Concrete**

Contact: Joe Hipskind

Address: 5502 Mason Drive, Fort Wayne, In 46809

Telephone:

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Investigation regarding: Hipkind Concrete

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3296

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: 1206250763

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Drainage

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during a backhoe procedure for drainage.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 7/13/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request prior to beginning the work; however, the gas operator self reported not locating the service; and, after IURC notice 9/13/2012 with response time expired, the resulting determination is an OPERATOR VIOLATION.

Conclusion: There was a failure to locate the gas facility.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f): Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.



INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION -- PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Case Number: 3296

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: Hipskind Concrete Corp.

Responsible Party Personal Name: Patrick Hipskind

Title (if any): President

Address (number and street): 5502 Mason Dr.

City, State and ZIP Code: FT. WAYNE, IN 46809

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): (260) 410-4210

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): " " "

Email Address: pat.hipskind@comcast.net

Facility Information:

Business Name: _____

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: INDIANA 811

Responsible Party Personal Name: Connie Geiger

Title (if any): Operations Director

Address (number and street): P.O. Box 219

City, State and ZIP Code: Greenwood, IN 46142

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 317-893-1403

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): _____

Email Address: Cgeiger@indiana811.org

Cause of Damage Information

Type of Equipment (select one): Bobcat

Type of Work Performed (select one): Storm Drainage Installation

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

Personal Contact: Richard Garland

Business/Organization Name: Hipskind Concrete Corp

Title (if any): _____

Address (number and street): 5502 Mason Dr

City, State and ZIP Code: Font Wayne, IN 46809

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 260-410-4706

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 262-412-4706

Email Address: _____

Utility Line Impact

Location of Damage:

Address (number and street): Lima Valley Dr.

City, State and ZIP Code: Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Nearest Intersection: Lima Road

Product Type (select one):

Facility Type (select one):

Size (Diameter/etc.): 3/4"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

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

Evacuation: Yes No If yes, How Many Evacuated? 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$ _____

Release of Product: Yes No

Ignition and/or Fire: Yes No

Excavator Notify 811: Yes No

Locate Information

Excavator Request Locate: Yes No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1206250763

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

Incident Impact Information

Number of Outpatient Treated: 0
Number of Inpatient Treated: 0
Number of Fatalities: 0

Fire Department Response: Yes No
Police Department Response: Yes No
Ambulance Response: Yes No

Additional Information / Comments

1. Proper Notice WAS Given to INDIANA 811 prior To Digging.
2. Ticket # 1206250763 - 6/25/2012 Time 9:12 AM
3. Location service Did Not Mark 3/4" Service Line under street.
4. Hipkind Concrete Operator Had No way of knowing that the line existed
5. Other lines Located a marked by service

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3296

Your Full Name: Joseph Hipkind

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Hipkind Concrete Corp

Your Business Title (if applicable): _____

Address (number and street): 5502 Mason Dr

City: FT. WAYNE State: IN ZIP Code: 46809

Your E-mail Address: jhipkind@comcast.net

Today's Date (month, day, year): 7/30/2012

Your Signature: Joseph Hipkind Title (if any) _____

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3296
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan the statement and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

August 13, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3296
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3296

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: 6/29/2012

Event Location: Lima Valley Dr, Fort Wayne

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Hipskind Concrete

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3296

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

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3296	
Date of Event	6/29/2012
Event Location	Lima Valley Dr, Fort Wayne
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Hipskind Concrete
Date of IURC Information Request	7/13/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	HIPSKIND CONCRETE
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	5502 MASON DRIVE
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, IN 46809
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:	
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	LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM
LOCATOR SERVICE INFORMATION	
BUSINESS NAME	USIC Locating Service
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	9045 North River Road, Suite 300
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Indianapolis, IN 46240
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION	
PERSONAL CONTACT	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	

ADDRESS	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
UTILITY LINE IMPACT	
LOCATION OF DAMAGE	
ADDRESS	LIMA VALLEY DRIVE
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, IN 46818
NEAREST INTERSECTION	LIMA ROAD
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	X
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	1 1/8 PLASTIC
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	40
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select 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 (Select One)	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	
Drainage	X
Driveway	
Electric	
Engineering/Surveying	
Fencing	
Grading	
Irrigation	
Landscaping	
Liquid Pipeline	
Milling	
Natural Gas	
Pole	
Public Transit Authority	
Railroad Maintenance	
Road Work	
Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)	
Site Development	
Steam	
Storm Drain/Culvert	
Street Light	
Telecommunications	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Yes 1206291777
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1206250763
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	No
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	No
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Yes
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	No
INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FACILITIES	
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	Yes Fort Wayne FD
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>Locate contractor failed to accurately locate facility due to unusual path Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1206292083</p>	

Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120629010
Northern IN
6/29/2012 1:31:00 PM
6/29/2012 1:35:08 PM
JOE HIPSKIND
1808 LIMA VALLEY DR
FORT WAYNE
ST: IN ZIP:

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

NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

06/29/2012
16:00:00
17:00:00

INVESTIGATION DATE:
FROM:
TO:

HIPSKIND CONCRETE
Road Demolition

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1206250763
6/27/2012 9:45:00 AM
Routine

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

1206291777
6/29/2012 1:30:00 PM

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

rob wermuth
6/29/2012 4:10:00 PM
Digital

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

132169

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

Rob Wermuth
BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?

Possibly

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120629010

NIPSCO

(optional)

NOTIFICATION ID:

SELECT A CUSTOMER:

CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF

Gas Service

Wermuth Robert - 132169

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:

FACILITY ID:

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Other

Other: unusual path

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

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

Missed service that comes off the rear of adjacent pool business. Meter hidden between two buildings where the service vehicles are parked. Business is not on street where work is taking place.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

Storm forced all of us off the scene

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

na

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:

na

WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL?

No

WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA?

Yes

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?

No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE

cut svc

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE

2

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?

No na

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?

na

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?

No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

na

NIPSCO 00644 IUPPSa 06/29/2012 13:33:27 1206291777-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

3296

Ticket : 1206291777 Date: 06/29/2012 Time: 13:31 Oper: KREED Chan:090

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: WASHINGTON
Cityname: FORT WAYNE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision: LIMA VALLEY

Address :

Street : LIMA VALLEY DR
Cross 1 : NORTHBURY DR Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: ON LIMA VALLEY DRIVE FROM NORTHBURY DRIVE TO 600 FEET EAST LOCATE
ENTIRE RIGHT OF WAY

:
Grids : 4109C8509A 4109D8510D 4109C8510D 4109D8510C 4109C8510C
Boundary: n 41.156071 s 41.153343 w -85.174522 e -85.164680

Work type : REMOVE AND REPLACE CONCRETE STREET
Done for : CITY OF FORT WAYNE
Start date: 06/29/2012 Time: 13:31 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 4 WEEKS Depth: 2 FEET

Company : HIPSKIND CONCRETE Type: CONT
Co addr : 5502 MASON DRIVE
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46809
Caller : JOE HIPSKIND Phone: (260)747-1340
Contact : PAT - CEL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)410-4710
Fax : (260)747-7227
Email : JHIPSKIND@COMCAST.NET

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
HIT NIPSCO GAS LINE - GAS IS BLOWING AND CAN BE HEARD AND SMELLED - LINE HIT AT
1808 LIMA VALLEY DR - LINE IS 3/4 INCH - COLOR AND MATERIAL UNKNOWN - ADVISED TO
CALL 911 - CREW ON SITE - HAVE CALLED NIPSCO - PREVIOUS TICKET 1206250763 -
THANK YOU

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 06/29/2012 Time: 13:31
Members: AEPIN CC FW ID7151 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00246 IUPPSa 06/25/2012 09:30:13 1206250763-00A NORM NEW STRT

NORMAL NOTICE

3296

Ticket : 1206250763 Date: 06/25/2012 Time: 09:22 Oper: JOE.HIPSKIND Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: WASHINGTON
Cityname: FORT WAYNE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision: LIMA VALLEY

Address :

Street : LIMA VALLEY DR
Cross 1 : NORTHBURY DR Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: ON LIMA VALLEY DRIVE FROM NORTHBURY DRIVE TO 600 FEET EAST LOCATE
ENTIRE RIGHT OF WAY

:
Grids : 4109C8509A 4109D8510D 4109C8510D 4109D8510C 4109C8510C
Boundary: n 41.156071 s 41.153343 w -85.174522 e -85.164680

Work type : REMOVE AND REPLACE CONCRETE STREET
Done for : CITY OF FORT WAYNE
Start date: 06/27/2012 Time: 09:45 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 4 WEEKS Depth: 2 FEET

Company : HIPSKIND CONCRETE Type: CONT
Co addr : 5502 MASON DRIVE
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46809
Caller : JOE HIPSKIND Phone: (260)747-1340
Contact : PAT - CEL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)410-4710
Fax : (260)747-7227
Email : JHIPSKIND@COMCAST.NET

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 06/25/2012 Time: 09:22
Members: AEPIN CC FW ID7151 ID8000 NIPSCO SM



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 3, 2012

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3296
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Notification of Possible Violations; Pipeline Division Case No. 3296
Date of Event: 6/29/2012
Event Location: Lima Valley Dr, Fort Wayne, IN
Excavator: Hipkind Concrete
Other Party: N/A

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter responds to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Division of Pipeline Safety, Notification of Possible Violations for Case No. 3296 (as detailed above) identifying potential violations of Indiana law dated September 13, 2012. NIPSCO has not identified any additional information related to this incident not already provided in its August 13, 2012 response.

If there are any additional questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Earle".

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle
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