



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Smith Projects, Inc.**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3429

Report Date: 4/18/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 7/17/2012

Damage Address: 6810 S Meridian St, Indianapolis, Marion

The Parties

Excavator: **Smith Projects, Inc.**

Address: 500 Rangeline Rd, Morristown, In 46161

Facility Owner: **Citizens Gas**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$0

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1207031253

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install drainage.

Findings: Reported by Citizens Gas; excavator failed to respond to initial notice. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to provide accurate locate markings.

Conclusion: Operator failed to provide accurate locate markings.

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



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jul 25, 2012

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Tony Chan (Citizens Gas)

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Excavator Information, if known

Full name: SMITH PROJECTS INC

Business address (*number and street*): 500 RANGELINE RD

City, State, and ZIP code: MORRISTOWN, IN 46161

Telephone number (*area code*): 317-326-8000

Fax number (*area code*):

E-mail address:

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Drainage

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jul 17, 2012

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
6810 S MERIDIAN ST

Nearest intersection: JORDAN ST

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*): 15

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ 0

Affected Facility Information

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Service/Drop

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 30

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1207031253

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

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

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? No

Type of markings used: Paint and Flags

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? No

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Yes

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? No

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? No

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Facility was not located or marked

Additional Comments

Excavator is not at fault. Gas operator failed to locate or provided incorrect markings. MAO 7/31/2012.