



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Jim Dammann**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3719

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 1/31/2013

Damage Date: 8/10/2012

Damage Address: 4914 Rockville Rd Grnhs

City: Indianapolis

County: Marion

The Parties

Excavator: **Jim Dammann**

Contact:

Address: 54 N Auburn, Indianapolis, In 46224

Telephone: 317-894-1867

Facility Owner: Citizens Gas

Contact: Tony Chan

Address: 2150 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Unknown/Other

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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): \$0

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1207201992

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Landscaping

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas facility occurred during a landscaping procedure.

Findings: Reported by Citizens Gas; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had called for locates and the gas operator had accurately marked the facility; however, the excavator had allowed the locate ticket to expire when the damage occurred.

Conclusion: The expired locate is treated as if no locate ticket ever existed.

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



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Sep 8, 2012

Who is submitting this information?

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

Business address (*number and street*): 2150 Dr. M.L. King Jr. St.

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46202

Telephone number (*area code*): (317) 927-4619

Fax number (*area code*): (317) 927-4619

E-mail address: AChan@CitizensEnergyGroup.com

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: JIM DAMMANN

Business address (*number and street*): 54 N AUBURN

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46224

Telephone number (*area code*): 317-894-1867

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Landscaping

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Aug 10, 2012

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
4914 ROCKVILLE RD GRNHS

Nearest intersection: AUBURN ST N

Right of way where damage occurred: Public - City Street

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*): 0.5

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? Unknown/Other

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 24

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1207201992

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? Yes

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: --No notification made to the one-call center

Additional Comments

The excavator had allowed the locate ticket to expire. MAO 1/31/2013.