



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: City Of Mishawaka

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3727

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 1/14/2013

Damage Date: 6/18/2012

Damage Address: 934 Homewood

City: Mishawaka

County: St Joseph

### The Parties

Excavator: **City Of Mishawaka**

Contact:

Address: 500 N Cedar St, Mishawaka, In, 46544

Telephone:

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

**Investigation regarding: City Of Mishawaka**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3727

**Damage Impact**

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 5

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

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

Excavator request locates: No    Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Fencing

**Synopsis:** Damage to a natural gas main occurred during a procedure to install fencing.

**Findings:** Reported by NIPSCO; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The gas operator responded; however, the municipality failed to respond to the IURC and failed to notify the association of excavation, both before and after the excavation damage.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide notice of excavation.

**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: Aug 21, 2012

---

### Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Tommy Buher (NIPSCo)

Business address (*number and street*): 3511 E 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

---

### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: City of Mishawaka

Business address (*number and street*): 500 N Cedar St

City, State, and ZIP code: Mishawaka, IN, 46544

Telephone number (*area code*): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number (*area code*): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

---

### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Municipality

Excavation or demolition equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Fencing

---

## Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jun 18, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

County: St Joseph \_\_\_\_\_

City: Mishawaka \_\_\_\_\_

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
934 Homewood \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest intersection: Merrifield \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

---

## Affected Facility Information

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Distribution

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

---

## Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Unknown/Other

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Unknown/Other

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

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? No

Were facilities marked correctly? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used: Other

If other, please specify: no locates \_\_\_\_\_

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? No

Were maps used to complete the locate request? No

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? Yes

---

### **Description of Cause**

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --No notification made to the one-call center

---

### **Additional Comments**

Nipsco emergency repair ticket 1206181391