



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Aays Rental

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4049

Report Date: 7/12/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/22/2012 2:41:41 PM

Damage Address: Moose Krause Cir, Notre Dame, St Joseph

### The Parties

Excavator: **Aays Rental**

Address: 811 West Edison Road, Mishawaka, In 46545

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Construction

### 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: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210171246

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: AREA IS MARKED FROM INTERSECTION GO NORTH ON MOOSE KRAUSE TO DEBARTOLO HALL ON WEST SIDE OF ROAD LOCATE WEST SIDE OF DEBARTOLO HALL IN QUAD AREA

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Excavator (tent company) struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing a tent set-up.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/19/2012. The excavator (tent company) had a valid locate ticket; however, the gas operator self reported a failure to provide an accurate locate marking.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide an accurate locate marking of the facility.

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



150 West Market Street, Suite 600  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

January 31, 2013

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4049  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4049

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: 10/22/2012

Event Location: Moose Krause Cir

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Aays Rental

Other Party: N/A

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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  
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<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4049</b>	
Date of Event	10/22/2012
Event Location	Moose Krause Cir
Event City	Notre Dame
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Aays Rental
Date of IURC Information Request	12/5/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Aays Rental
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	811 West Edison Road
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Mishawaka, IN 46545
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-256-1110
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	574-850-5020
EMAIL ADDRESS	ED@AAYSRENTAL.COM
<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	LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM
<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	<a href="mailto:morganthompson@usicinc.com">morganthompson@usicinc.com</a>
<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	1 Stinson-Remick Hall
CITY/STATE/ZIP	South Bend, IN 46617
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Eddy Street
<b>PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)</b>	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
<b>FACILITY TYPE (Select One)</b>	
DISTRIBUTION	X
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	2"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	5
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)	
Site Development	
Steam	
Storm Drain/Culvert	
Street Light	
Telecommunications	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	X
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y- 1210222564
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1210171246
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	
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 FATALITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	Y
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	Y
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
<p>NIPSCO emergency repair ticket 1210222508</p> <p>Facility could not be found/located, Untoneable.</p> <p>USIC was never notified of damage and has no investigation.</p>	

NIPSCO 00359 IUPPSa 10/17/2012 10:39:49 1210171246-00A NORM NEW STRT

CASE #  
4049

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1210171246 Date: 10/17/2012 Time: 10:35 Oper: EDWARD.STRZELECK Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: PORTAGE  
Cityname: NOTRE DAME Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : MOOSE KRAUSE CIR  
Cross 1 : EDDY STREET Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: AREA IS MARKED FROM INTERSECTION GO NORTH ON MOOSE KRAUSE TO DEBARTOLO  
HALL ON WEST SIDE OF ROAD LOCATE WEST SIDE OF DEBARTOLO HALL IN QUAD AREA

Grids : 4141A8613A 4141A8614D 4142D8614D  
Boundary: n 41.700207 s 41.696445 w -86.236412 e -86.232048

Work type : TENT SET UP  
Done for : UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME  
Start date: 10/19/2012 Time: 11:00 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N  
Duration : 2 HOURS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : AAYS RENTAL Type: OTHR  
Co addr : 811 WEST EDISON ROAD  
City : MISHAWAKA State: IN Zip: 46545  
Caller : EDWARD STRZELECKI Phone: (574)256-1110  
Contact : EDWARD STRZELECKI Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (574)850-5020  
Fax : (574)256-5907  
Email : ED@AAYSRENTAL.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES

Submitted date: 10/17/2012 Time: 10:35  
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID5610 ID6590 ID9826 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NIPSCO 00858 IUPPSa 10/22/2012 14:41:48 1210222564-00A EMER DAMG STRT

CASE #  
4049

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1210222564 Date: 10/22/2012 Time: 14:39 Oper: KLEWIS Chan:032

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: PORTAGE  
Cityname: NOTRE DAME Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : MOOSE KRAUSE CIR

Cross 1 : EDDY STREET Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: AREA IS MARKED FROM INTERSECTION GO NORTH ON MOOSE KRAUSE TO DEBARTOLO  
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Grids : 4141A8613A 4141A8614D 4142D8614D

Boundary: n 41.700207 s 41.696445 w -86.236412 e -86.232048

Work type : TENT SET UP

Done for : UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Start date: 10/22/2012 Time: 14:39 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y

Duration : 2 HOURS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : AAYS RENTAL Type: OTHR

Co addr : 811 WEST EDISON ROAD

City : MISHAWAKA State: IN Zip: 46545

Caller : EDWARD STRZELECKI Phone: (574)256-1110

Contact : EDWARD STRZELECKI Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)850-5020

Fax : (574)256-5907

Email : ED@AAYSRENTAL.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time

PER ED- HIT A GAS LINE ON THE WEST SIDE OF DEBARTOLO HALL - IT IS A 2 INCH LINE

UNKNOWN COLOR AND MATERIAL - IT IS BLOWING - CREW IS ON SITE - ALREADY CONTACTED

NIPSCO AND REPAIRS ARE IN PROGRESS - PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER 1210171246

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES

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Submitted date: 10/22/2012 Time: 14:39

Members: AEPIN COMCN ID5610 ID6590 ID9826 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

\*\* COMPLETE FORM FOR ALL DAMAGES TO NIPSCO FACILITIES \*\*

REPORTING OPERATING AREA South Bend MAXIMO WO #
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Gary King JOB ORDER # 575861
TRACKING NUMBER 389515202 LOCATE REF # 1210171246
Locate Performed By:

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT Oct 22 2012, 01:47AM DATE OF REPORT 10-22-12
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) University of Notre Dame, South Bend IN

DAMAGE WAS TO:
ELECTRIC - POLE / TRANSFORMER: # SIZE YEAR INSTALLED BROKEN YES ( ) NO ( )

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

GAS: SERVICE ( ) MAIN (X) SIZE 2" MATERIAL: PLASTIC (X) STEEL ( ) METER ( ) REG STATION ( ) STUB ( )
OTHER (DESCRIBE)

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 30" PRESSURE (PSI) 35# Lbs.

RELEASE OF GAS: YES (X) NO ( ) IGNITION OF GAS: YES ( ) NO (X) EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES ( ) # NO (X)

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES (X) NO ( ) NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 5

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 01:47pm TIME RESTORED 11:35

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 1"

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES (X) DISTANCE, BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS NO ( )
HOW LOCATED: PAINT ( ) FLAGS ( ) BOTH (X) WHITE LINED ( )

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Aays Rental

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 811 W. Edison Road, Mishawaka IN 46645

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE No one on site. Ed Strzelecki on Locate Request

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS

WITNESS REMARKS

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE (X) AGENCY Notre Dame Police REPORT #

FIRE (X) AGENCY Notre Dame FD REPORT #

OTHER ( ) Any Injuries? ( ) YES # (X) NO

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES ( ) NO (X) TAKEN BY: (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)
MEDIA ON SITE YES ( ) NO (X)

- WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
( ) AGRICULTURE/FARMING ( ) CABLE TV ( ) CURB/SIDEWALK ( ) TELECOMMUNICATIONS
( ) BLDG CONSTRUCTION ( ) DEMOLITION ( ) DRAINAGE ( ) WATER
( ) DRIVEWAY ( ) ELECTRIC ( ) SURVEYING ( ) DRAINS/CULVERTS
( ) FENCING ( ) GRADING ( ) IRRIGATION (X) MOWING mobil outdoor tent
( ) LANDSCAPING ( ) PIPELINE ( ) MILLING
( ) POLE/SIGN POST ( ) ROAD WORK ( ) SEWER

- TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
( ) AUGER ( ) HAND TOOLS ( ) BACKHOE/TRACKHOE
( ) MILLING EQUIPMENT ( ) PROBING DEVICE ( ) BORING / DRILLING
( ) EXPLOSIVES ( ) TRENCHER ( ) FARM EQUIPMENT
( ) VACCUUM EQUIPMENT ( ) GRADER (X) OTHER

- REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED- CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
( ) AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT ( ) EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE ( ) CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR
( ) NO NOTIFICATION ( ) MARKS DISTURBED ( ) STUB (X) OTHER mis located.

COMMENTS :

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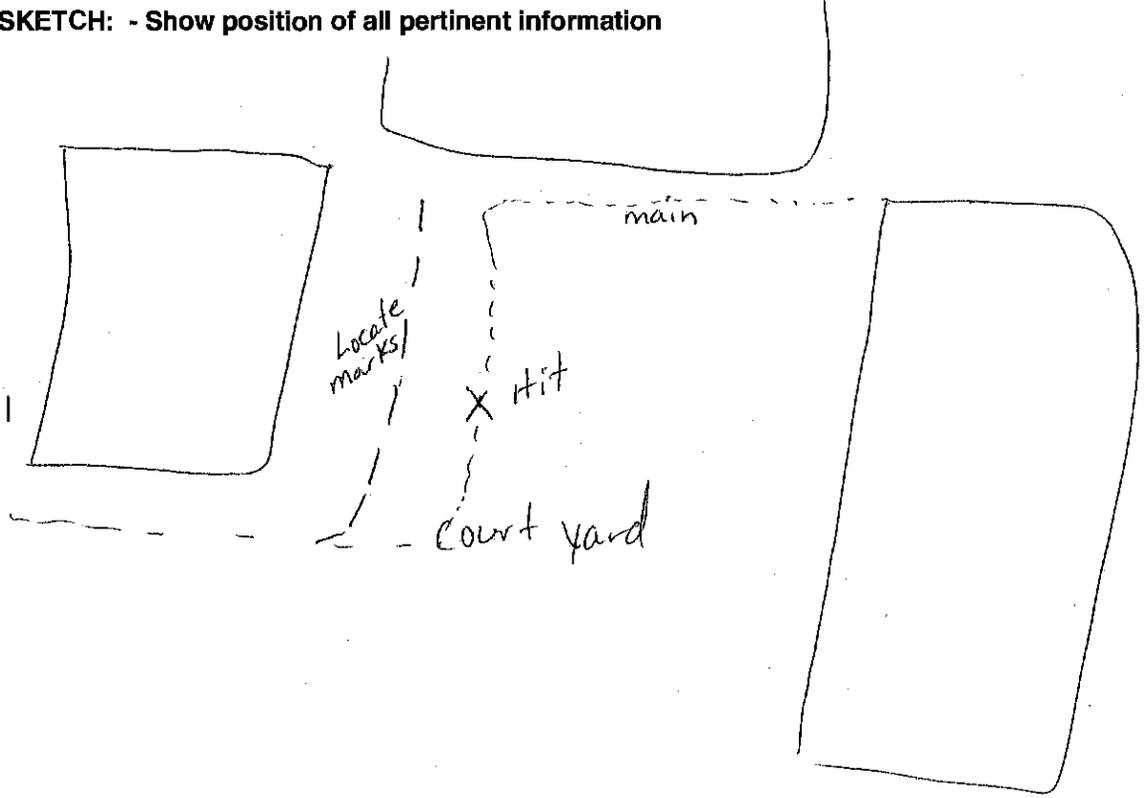
PERSON PREPARING REPORT Adam Nowak

FIELD SUPERVISOR Rich Watkinson

FIELD MANAGER Rick Gray RGray

- ORIGINAL REPORT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION IS TO BE SENT TO FACILITY DAMAGE RECOVERY
- COPY OF REPORT IS TO BE SENT TO DAMAGE PREVENTION

SKETCH: - Show position of all pertinent information



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|---|-----|----|
| • DID EXCAVATION OCCUR BEFORE LOCATES WERE DUE  | YES | NO |
| • NO IN 811 LOCATE CALLED IN                    | YES | NO |
| • DAMAGE CAUSED FROM EXCAVATION WITHIN 24" ZONE | YES | NO |
| • EXPIRED LOCATE                                | YES | NO |
| • WAS WHITE LINING INDICATED ON LOCATE REQUEST  | YES | NO |

COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_