



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Lawrence Building Corporation

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4171

Report Date: 04/04/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/19/2012

Damage Address: 4120 E Southport Rd, Indianapolis, Marion County

The Parties

Excavator: Lawrence Building Corporation (Contractor)

Address: 8401 Fritz Rd, Ft Wayne, In 46818

Facility Owner: Citizens Gas

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Driveway

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$0

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210151313

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a new drive.

Findings: Reported by Tony Chan (Citizens Gas); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/20/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator failed to use hand tools to expose the facility.

Conclusion: The excavator failed to expose the facility and failed to maintain two (2) feet of clearance.

Violation: 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Nov 22, 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: LAWRENCE BUILDING CORP

Business address (*number and street*): 8401 FRITZ RD

City, State, and ZIP code: FT WAYNE, IN 46818

Telephone number (*area code*): 260-469-8400

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Driveway

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Oct 19, 2012

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
4120 E SOUTHPORT RD

Nearest intersection: S GRAY RD

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Business

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? No

If yes, how many affected? 0

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 0

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? 18

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1210151313

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? Yes

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Failure to use hand tools where required

Additional Comments

No interruption of service. Service was cut & capped prior to damage.

2/20/2013

To Whom It May Concern,

We completed a building expansion and minor site work project at the Speedway Gas Station at 4120 E Southport Road in Indianapolis late last year. This project included a new approach and some site drainage installation on the exterior of the building. As far as a little background on this project, we have attached a Plot Plan of the proposed project. If you notice there is a new approach on this project. Before the project Citizens Gas was notified that their line had to be moved or lowered to accommodate for the new approach. At this time the gas company arrived and so called lowered their gas line to accommodate the new approach per plans. This was completed and we were notified it was low enough that "we should be plenty low and not have any issues of being into your subgrade" prior to LBC ever arriving onsite to start construction so white lining the dig area was not available but For Construction Drawings were provided to Citizens Gas. Once the project commenced we started to prep the approach and were cutting the approach to the City of Indianapolis Specifications. We had an Activated Right of Way Permits (10/10/12 @ 8:00am Permit #DRV12-00368) with the city and locates were renewed on 10/15/2012 @ 10:20AM. At 11:10am on 10/19 we struck the gas line. The gas company was notified and they arrived approximately 30 minutes later and the gas representative and our excavator who hit the line helped uncover the still buried line and they crimped it off. The representative from Citizens that arrived was the same one that lowered the line prior to construction. At this time our Site Superintendent had conversations about the line not being low accommodate the new approach per the city specifications. The Gas Representative neither admitted nor denied it not being deep enough he just shrugged his shoulders and said "really?" At this time we do not feel that we are responsible for the actions of the gas companies negligence in moving the line deep enough to accommodate new construction. If you need any further information please feel free to contact me at our office. If you would like to review the nicked section of the line please feel free to come to our office to inspect it, it was just nicked on the side it was not cut/dug though.

Thank You



Adam Webster- LBC

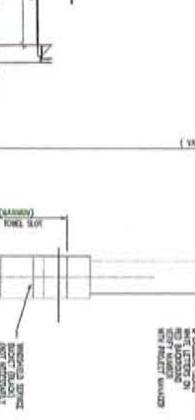
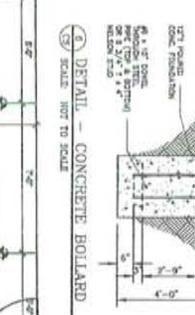
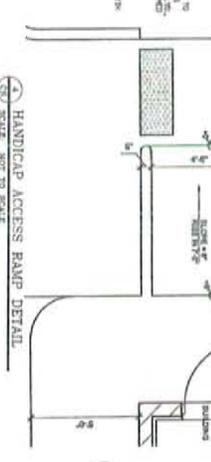
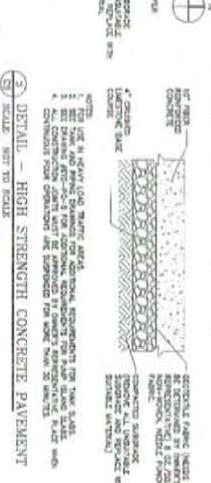
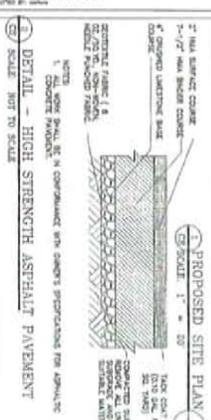
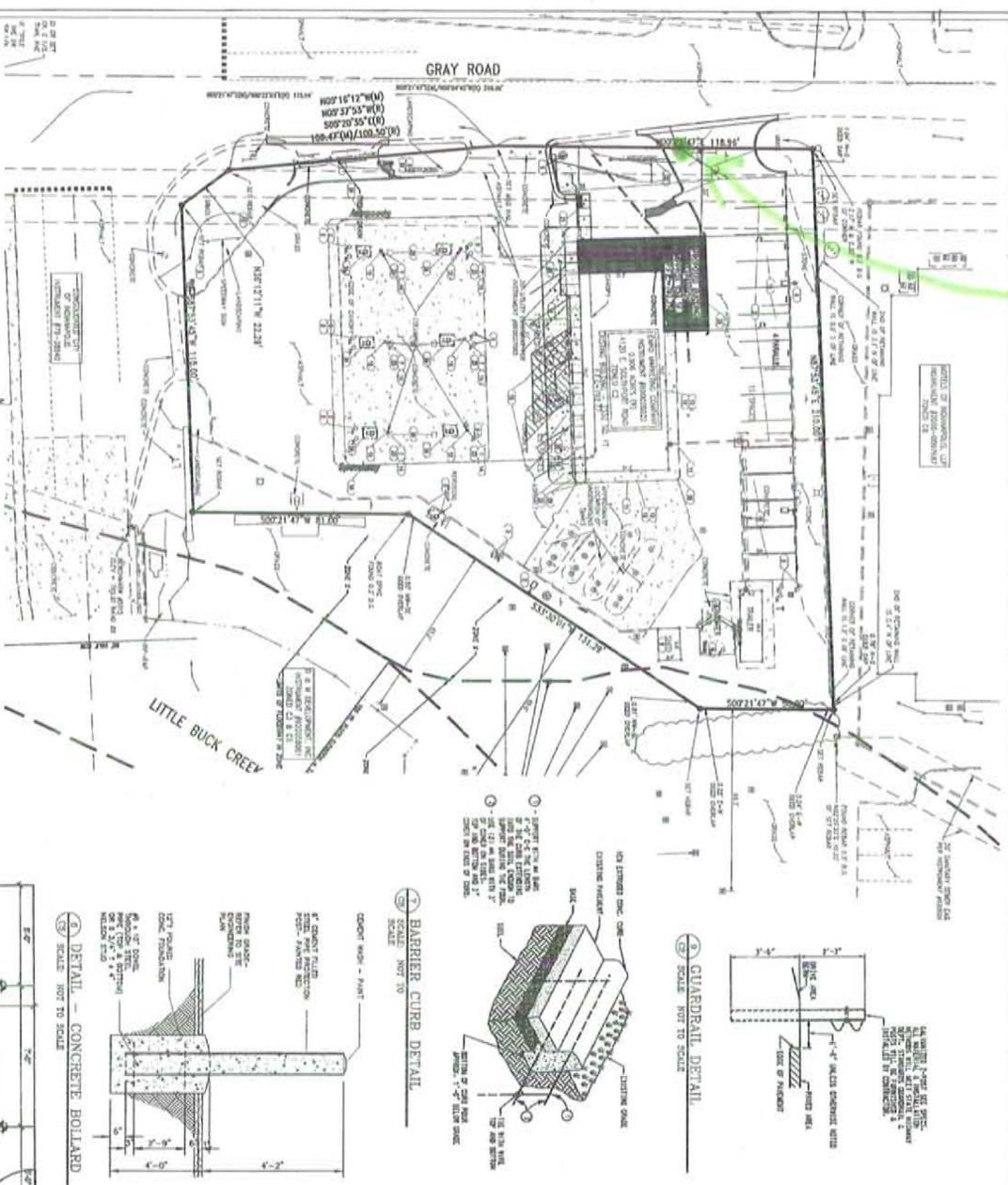
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Ray Gruber- Site Super

260.433.9695

Gas Line Hit



GENERAL NOTES:

1. THESE DRAWINGS DO NOT INDICATE THE FINAL LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING UTILITIES. VERIFY EXISTING UTILITIES AND LOCATIONS BEFORE CONSTRUCTION.
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