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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: M & C Excavating

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4499

Report Date: 8/14/2013

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 12/19/2012

Damage Address: 410 S Franklin, Indianapolis, Marion

### The Parties

Excavator: **M & C Excavating**

Address: 6222 W 800 N, Fountaintown, In 46130

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: 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: 1212090092

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing driveway work.

**Findings:** Reported by Tony Chan; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 4/1/2013. The widening of a driveway expanded into the adjacent property line. The locate ticket did not include the utilities in the adjacent property needing to be located.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to request adequate locate markings.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g)(out) Failure to provide notice of excavation - damage occurred outside requested locate area.**



## DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jan 5, 2013

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### Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Tony Chan

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

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### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: M & C EXCAVATING

Business address (*number and street*): 6222 W 800 N

City, State, and ZIP code: FOUNTAIN TOWN, IN 46130

Telephone number (*area code*): 317-440-1406

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

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

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### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Driveway

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## Date and Location of Damage

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

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
410 S FRANKLIN

Nearest intersection: BEECHWOOD AVE

Right of way where damage occurred: Unknown/Other

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*): 1

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ 0

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## 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

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## Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1212090092

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? No

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? Yes

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### **Description of Cause**

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Notification to one-call center made but not sufficient

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### **Additional Comments**

Excavator called in locates for the wrong address. MAO 2/25/2013.



**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (R / 3-13)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

**Case Number:** 4499

**Date of Damage (month, day, year):** 12-19-2012

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**Location of Damage:**

**Address (number and street):** 410 S Franklin Rd

**City, State and ZIP Code:** Indpls, IN

**Nearest Intersection:** Franklin Rd. and English Ave

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**Excavator Information:**

**Business Name:** M and C Excavating CO. INC.

**Responsible Party Personal Name:** Mike Bowman

**Title (if any):** President

**Address (number and street):** 6222 W 800 N

**City, State and ZIP Code:** Fountaintown, IN 46130

**Preferred Telephone Number (area code):** 317-440-1406

**Email Address:** mike@mandcexcavating.com

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**Utility Information:**

**Utility Name:** Citizens Gas

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cause of Damage Information**

Type of Equipment (select one):   
Type of Work Performed (select one):   
Repair Cost: \$ 129.00

- Did a leak result from damage:  Yes  No  
Was there ignition:  Yes  No  
Excavator Notify 911 due to leak:  Yes  No  
Excavator Notify 811 upon damage:  Yes  No  
Excavator Notify Utility upon Damage:  Yes  No

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**Locate Information**

- Excavator Request Locate:  Yes  No  
Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1212090092  
Locate Marks Visible:  Yes  No  
Locate Marks Correct:  Yes  No  
Excavator "White Lined":  Yes  No  
Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days:  Yes  No  
Utility Employees On-site during Excavation:  Yes  No

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**Incident Information:**

- Fire Department Response:  Yes  No  
Police Department Response:  Yes  No  
Ambulance Response:  Yes  No
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**Additional Information / Comments**

We were putting in a driveway for American Wholesale Furniture (the property owner) after it was in the owner came out and ask if we could make the driveway 5' wider on both sides at the entrance so his trucks could get in easier. We said sure, we did not realize that widening it crossed onto the next property line. There was a 1" plastic gas line that ran down the property line. When we hit it, we clamped it off and called the gas company. They were there in 15 minutes and had it fixed in 5 minutes. *we had Locates done for our Jobsite, but The Line we hit was assigned to the address next door.*

Printed Name: Mike Bowman  
Signature: *Mike Bowman* Date (month, day, year): 4-01-13

*\*If submitting this form electronically, typing your name in the signature box will act as an electronic signature.*

**Please return completed form to:**

**PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov**

**Or mail to:**

**Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
Pipeline Safety Division - Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
101 West Washington Street, 1500E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

**Or fax to:  
317-233-2410**