



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: James Gray

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4609

Report Date: 8/15/2013

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 4/5/2013 12:44:02 PM

Damage Address: 209 W Memorial Dr, Center, Delaware

The Parties

Excavator: James Gray

Address: 209 West Memorial Drive, Muncie, In 47302

Facility Owner: Vectren

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$605

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: WHEN FACING PROPERTY - LOCATE THE ENTIRE LEFTHAND SIDE OF THE PROPERTY FROM W MEMORIAL DRIVE TO THE ALLEY AT REAR OF PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator/homeowner struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing fencing work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator/homeowner's response to initial notice was received on 5/31/2013. The excavator/homeowner failed to provide notice to the association (IN811) prior to excavating for fence installation.

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

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

Dear Mr William Boyd

My name is James M. Gray and writing you too explain or tell what happened when I cut a Vector gas line. I was installing a privacy fence and I dug my whole 6'-8" from the original hole and hit the gas line. See there was already a fence up when I bought the house and before my brain surgery in ~~see~~ 11-2011 my son + I took it down but the holes were still there. I'm sorry and I regret not calling for location of underground utilities + I promise I will never do it again. This was the first project I tried to do since my ^{Brain} surgery and it did not go well. Vector is charging me \$605.27 and has given me 12 mths. to pay which I'm grateful of.

Thank you for being understanding + professional during our phone conversation. I've been out of work since my surgery so if any fine could be waived I would appreciate it greatly.

Thank You
Sincerely James M. Gray

209 West Memorial
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