



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Dave O'mara Contractor, Inc.**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2980

Investigator: Mike Enlow

Report Date: 08/23/2012

Damage Date: 05/23/2012 8:19:07 AM

Damage Address: 51 W High St

City: North Vernon

County: Jennings

The Parties

Excavator: **Dave O'mara Contractor, Inc.**

Contact: Rachel Rice

Address: 1100 East O And M Avenue, North Vernon, In 47265

Telephone: (812) 346-4135

Facility Owner: Midwest Natural Gas Corporation

Contact: Arthur Campbell

Address: 107 SE Third Street, Washington, IN 47501-0520

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Investigation regarding: Dave O'mara Contractor, Inc.

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2980

Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 2

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$750

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1205040308

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Water

Synopsis: Excavator cut Distribution gas main during excavation for installation of new water main.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator has not responded to initial notice that was mailed 06/18/2012. Excavator failed to use hand tools where required, causing damage with mechanized equipment.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance with mechanized equipment.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities; 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: May 31, 2012

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Terry Shafer (Midwest Natural Gas)

Business address (*number and street*): 1652 W. McClain Ave.

City, State, and ZIP code: Scottsburg, IN 47170

Telephone number (*area code*): 8127522230

Fax number (*area code*): 8127527845

E-mail address: tshafer@midnatgas.com

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Dave O'mara Construction

Business address (*number and street*): 1100 E. O&M Ave.

City, State, and ZIP code: North Vernon, IN 47265

Telephone number (*area code*): 8123464135

Fax number (*area code*): 8123521235

E-mail address: N/A

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Water

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): May 23, 2012

County: Jennings

City: North Vernon

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
51 W. High St.

Nearest intersection: N. Gum St.

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? 2

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 3

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: _____

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: _____

Property damage, Estimate \$ 750

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? 17

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1205040308

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Utility Owner

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

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? Yes

Type of markings used: Paint

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? Yes

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? Yes

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? No

Description of Cause

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

Additional Comments

This damage was reported to IN811 in Spreadsheet CC by Excavator. MAO 6/4/2012.