



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Alan Goebes

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3076

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 8/13/2012

Damage Date: 5/6/2012

Damage Address: 1746 Union St

City: Indianapolis

County: Marion

The Parties

Excavator: **Alan Goebes**

Contact:

Address: 5333 Manker St, Indianapolis, In 46227

Telephone: 317-788-6343

Facility Owner: Citizens Gas

Contact: Tony Chan

Address: 2150 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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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: No Indiana 811 ticket Number: No locate request

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Landscaping

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for landscaping.

Findings: Reported by Tony Chan (Citizens Gas); the excavator failed to respond to initial notice which was delivered and signed for on 7/16/2012. The excavator/Property owner was excavating over 15” deep without providing notice of excavation.

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

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



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: May 15, 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: ALAN GOEBES

Business address (*number and street*): 5333 MANKER ST

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46227

Telephone number (*area code*): 317-788-6343

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Occupant

Excavation or demolition equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Landscaping

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): May 6, 2012

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
1746 UNION ST

Nearest intersection: CAVEN ST

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

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? 15

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: No locate request

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Unknown/Other

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? Unknown/Other

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? No

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --No notification made to the one-call center

Additional Comments

Inactive account. Left off after repairs made.