



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Star Builders**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3089

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 8/17/2012

Damage Date: 5/25/2012

Damage Address: 1208 W. York Rd.

City: Austin

County: Scott

### The Parties

Excavator: **Star Builders**

Contact:

Address: 8457 Sheffield Ct., Columbus, In 47201

Telephone: 8124475443

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

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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): \$

### **Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:**

Excavator request locates: No    Indiana 811 ticket Number: No locate requested

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Bldg. Demolition

**Synopsis:** Damage to a natural gas main occurred during a building demolition project.

**Findings:** Reported by Terry Shafer (Midwest Natural Gas); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed on 7/13/2012. Gas operator reports excavator failed to provide notice of excavation or demolition.

**Conclusion:** Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation or demolition.

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

**Star Builders** currently has no other report of damage in the record.



## DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: May 30, 2012

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### 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

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### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Star Builders

Business address (*number and street*): 8457 Sheffield Ct.

City, State, and ZIP code: Columbus, IN 47201

Telephone number (*area code*): 8124475443

Fax number (*area code*): N/A

E-mail address: N/A

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### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Bldg. Demolition

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**Date and Location of Damage**

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): May 25, 2012

County: Scott

City: Austin

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
1208 W. York Rd.

Nearest intersection: Dowling 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? \_\_\_\_\_

Was there a customer service interruption? No

If yes, how many affected? \_\_\_\_\_

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 2

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: \_\_\_\_\_

Property damage, Estimate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**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? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Notification, Locating, Marking**

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

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

Was the locate request completed within two working days? No

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Unknown/Other

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

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? No

Were facilities marked correctly? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used: Other

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? Unknown/Other

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

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### **Description of Cause**

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

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### **Additional Comments**

Contractor was in the process of home demo without contacting 811 and ripped a meter stop form a vacant service riser.