



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Wisel Enterprises Llc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3367

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 9/28/12

Damage Date: 7/13/2012 1:57:08 PM

Damage Address: 1222 Ryan Rd

City: New Haven

County: Allen

### The Parties

Excavator: **Wisel Enterprises Llc**

Contact: Jerome Wisel, Owner

Address: 10329 Aboite Road, Roanoke, In 46783

Telephone:

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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**Damage Impact**

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

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

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1206271446

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Drainage

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to expose the top of a septic tank.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 9/17/2012. The excavator had provided notice of excavation and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator had to expand the area of excavation due to raw sewage getting into the excavation site. The excavator reported they looked at the gas meter and the locate marks that had been provided and assumed the gas line was installed in a straight line. It was not installed in a straight line.

**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: Aug 23, 2012

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### Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Tommy Buher

Business address (*number and street*): 3511 E 15th Ave

City, State, and ZIP code: Gary, IN 46403

Telephone number (*area code*): 219-962-0422

Fax number (*area code*): 219-962-0404

E-mail address: cludwig@nisource.com

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### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Wisel Farm Enterprises

Business address (*number and street*): 10329 Aboite Rd

City, State, and ZIP code: Roanoke, IN 46783

Telephone number (*area code*): 260-672-9664

Fax number (*area code*): 260-672-3997

E-mail address: wiselentinc@msn.com

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### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Drainage

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**Date and Location of Damage**

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jul 13, 2012

County: Allen

City: New Haven

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
1222 Ryan Rd

Nearest intersection: Edgerton Rd

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Business

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? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

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

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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? 12

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**Notification, Locating, Marking**

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1206271439

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Contract Locator

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: Other

If other, please specify: outside scope of ticket

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? Unknown/Other

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? Yes

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Unknown/Other

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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**

Contractor dug outside the scope of the ticket

Emergency repair ticket 1207132495

Damage ticket 1207132419



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

September 14, 2012

*Via Electronic Transmission – [PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)*

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3367  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3367

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information, and supporting documentation, relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 7/13/2012

Event Location: Ryan Rd, New Haven

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Wisel Farm Enterprises

Other Party: N/A

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NIPSCO has reviewed its recovery and damage prevention files for this matter and has provided answers, when known, to the list of questions set forth in the Information Request. To the extent available, NIPSCO is also providing a copy of the Damage Information Report – Pipeline Safety Division previously submitted by NIPSCO to IURC Pipeline Safety as well as additional documentation relating to this Event Location.

Upon completion of the investigation, NIPSCO requests that it be provided with a copy of the Pipeline Division's Investigation Report with findings that will be forwarded to the Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee. If there are any additional questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle  
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal  
Phone: 317-684-4904  
Fax: 317-684-4918  
Email: [cearle@nisource.com](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3367</b>	
Date of Event	7/13/2012
Event Location	Ryan Rd, New Haven
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Wisel Farm Enterprises
Date of IURC Information Request	8/16/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Wisel Enterprises
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Jerry
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	10329 Abiote Road
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Roanoke, IN 46713
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260 410-0630
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	LUKE SELKING
TITLE	
ADDRESS	1501 HALE AVENUE
CITY/STATE/ZIP	FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260/439-1290
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM">LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM</a>
<b>LOCATOR SERVICE INFORMATION</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	USIC Locating Service
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	9045 North River Road, Suite 300
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Indianapolis, IN 46240
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION</b>	
PERSONAL CONTACT	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	

ADDRESS	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>UTILITY LINE IMPACT</b>	
<b>LOCATION OF DAMAGE</b>	
ADDRESS	1222 Ryan Road
CITY/STATE/ZIP	New Haven, IN 46774
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Edgerton Road
<b>PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)</b>	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
<b>FACILITY TYPE (Select One)</b>	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	X
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	1 1/8 plastic
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	45
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	N/A
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	564.34
<b>CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)</b>	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trencher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
<b>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)</b>	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	
Drainage	
Driveway	
Electric	
Engineering/Surveying	
Fencing	
Grading	
Irrigation	
Landscaping	
Liquid Pipeline	
Milling	
Natural Gas	
Pole	
Public Transit Authority	
Railroad Maintenance	
Road Work	
Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)	X
Site Development	
Steam	
Storm Drain/Culvert	
Street Light	
Telecommunications	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Yes 1207132419
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1206271439
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	No
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	No
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	No
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	No
<b>INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION</b>	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
<p>Excavator dug outside scope of ticket  Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1207132495</p>	

# Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120713009  
Northern IN  
7/13/2012 1:57:26 PM  
7/13/2012 2:00:15 PM  
JERRY WISEL  
RYAN RD  
NEW HAVEN  
ST: IN ZIP:

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NOTIFICATION ID:  
DISTRICT:  
DAMAGE DATE:  
NOTIFICATION DATE:  
NOTIFIED BY:  
DAMAGE ADDRESS:  
CITY:

NIPSCO

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DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

07/13/2012  
15:00:00  
15:30:00

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INVESTIGATION DATE:  
FROM:  
TO:

Wisel  
digging up septic

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EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:  
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1206271439  
7/2/2012 8:00:00 AM  
Routine

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ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:  
START DATE/TIME:  
TYPE OF TICKET:  
LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

1207132419

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DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:  
START DATE/TIME:

John Deitrick  
7/13/2012 3:20:00 PM  
Digital

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PICTURES TAKEN BY:  
DATE/TIME:  
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:  
FRAME #:

131108

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INVESTIGATOR EMP#:  
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

John Deitrick  
**BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?**  
No

## Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120713009

NIPSCO

*(optional)*

NOTIFICATION ID:

SELECT A CUSTOMER:

CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF

service - 3/4"

Schiebel Christophe - 124410

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:

FACILITY ID:

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

### CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Contractor Dug Outside Marking Instructions

Other:

### CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

### INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

location where they were digging is about 60 to 80ft out of scope of ticket. white mark in pic is the 150ft mark. from white mark to meter in the pic is the out of scope area

### NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

na

### NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

na

### LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:

na

WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL?

No

WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA?

Yes

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?

Yes

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE

cut

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE

2ft

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?

No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?

front shovel

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?

No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

NIPSCO 00433 IUPPSa 06/27/2012 10:33:28 1206271446-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE JOB EXTENSION

## Case 3367

Ticket : 1206271446 Date: 06/27/2012 Time: 10:31 Oper: LPORTER Chan:046

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: JEFFERSON  
Cityname: NEW HAVEN Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : RYAN RD

Cross 1 : EDGERTON RD Within 1/4 mile: N

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE 2500 FEET SOUTH ON RYAN RD FROM  
THE

CENTER LINE OF RYAN RD OUT 150 FEET ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR THE  
ENTIRE

DISTANCE

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Grids : 4104C8457B 4104B8457B 4104C8457A 4104B8457A

Boundary: n 41.078876 s 41.071484 w -84.964249 e -84.960251

Work type : INSTALLING DRAINAGE TILE SYSTEM

Done for : ALLEN COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE

Start date: 06/29/2012 Time: 10:45 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N

Duration : 30 DAYS Depth: 8 FEET

Company : WISEL FARM ENTERPRISES Type: CONT

Co addr : 10329 ABOITE ROAD

City : ROANOKE State: IN Zip: 46783

Caller : RACHEL WISEL Phone: (260)672-9664

Contact : TRAVIS WISEL--CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (260)410-0630

Fax : (260)672-3997

Email : WISELENTINC@MSN.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time

REMARK AS NEEDED - - PREVIOUS TICKET 1206112429

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 06/27/2012 Time: 10:31

Members: ID5015 ID7050 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00738 IUPPSa 07/13/2012 13:57:26 1207132419-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Case 3367

Ticket : 1207132419 Date: 07/13/2012 Time: 13:53 Oper: KREED Chan:090

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: JEFFERSON  
Cityname: NEW HAVEN Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : RYAN RD

Cross 1 : EDGERTON RD Within 1/4 mile: N

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION TRAVEL 550 FEET NORTH TO THE RAILROAD  
TRACKS - THEN LOCATE FROM THE CENTER LINE OF RYAN RD ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE  
STREET FOR APPROX 150 FEET INTO THE FIELD FOR THE ENTIRE DISTANCE

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Grids : 4104B8457B 4104A8457B 4104B8457A 4104A8457A

Boundary: n 41.080719 s 41.078739 w -84.963394 e -84.961800

Work type : INSTALLING DRAINAGE TILE SYSTEM

Done for : ALLEN COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE

Start date: 07/13/2012 Time: 13:54 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y

Duration : 30 DAYS Depth: 8 FEET

Company : WISEL FARM ENTERPRISES Type: CONT

Co addr : 10329 ABOITE ROAD

City : ROANOKE State: IN Zip: 46783

Caller : JERRY WISEL Phone: (260)672-9664

Contact : TRAVIS WISEL--CELL Phone:

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Email : WISELENTINC@MSN.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
HIT NIPSCO GAS LINE - LINE HAS BEEN CLAMPED OFF WITH VISE GRIPS - LINE HIT  
BETWEEN THE BUILDING AND THE ROAD - 3/4 INCH TAN PLASTIC LINE - ADVISED TO CALL  
911 - CREW ON SITE - WILL CALL NIPSCO - PREVIOUS TICKET 1206271439 - THANK YOU  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 07/13/2012 Time: 13:53

Members: ID5015 ID7050 ID8000 NIPSCO SM



# DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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## Excavation or Demolition Information

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**Date and Location of Damage**Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jul 13, 2012

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Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
1222 Ryan Rd, New Haven, IN 46774

Nearest intersection: Edgerton Rd

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Business

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? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

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

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**Affected Facility Information**

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

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**Notification, Locating, Marking**

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Emergency repair ticket 1207132495

Damage ticket 1207132419

COMMENTS: Hit 1 1/2 plastic service locates on site But  
no locates in side fenced area. contractor  
is removing septic tank gas service is over tank

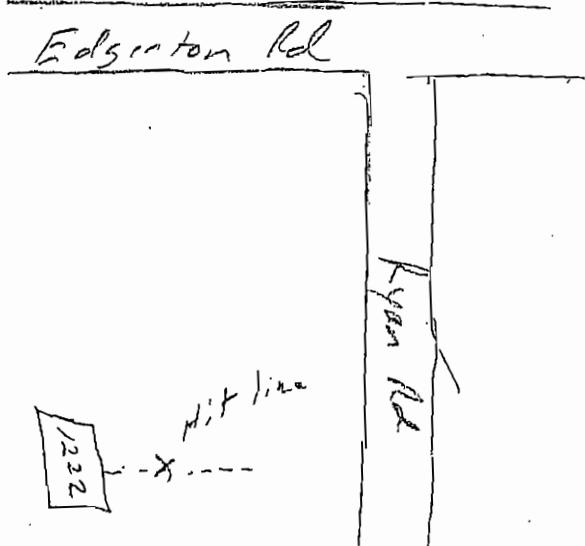
PERSON PREPARING REPORT Steve Butts 122174

FIELD SUPERVISOR Rodger Brown

FIELD MANAGER Ralph Dan

- ORIGINAL REPORT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION IS TO BE SENT TO FACILITY DAMAGE RECOVERY
- COPY OF REPORT IS TO BE SENT TO DAMAGE PREVENTION

SKETCH: - Show position of all pertinent information



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

• DID EXCAVATION OCCUR BEFORE LOCATES WERE DUE	YES	NO
• NO IN 811 LOCATE CALLED IN	YES	NO
• DAMAGE CAUSED FROM EXCAVATION WITHIN 24" ZONE	YES	NO
• EXPIRED LOCATE	YES	NO
• WAS WHITE LINING INDICATED ON LOCATE REQUEST	YES	NO

COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Fair Wayne MAXIMO WO# M 509055  
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Rodger Brown JOB ORDER # 564402  
TRACKING NUMBER 0820120713009 LOCATE REF # \_\_\_\_\_  
Locate Performed By: WSEC

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 7-13 2012 1423 M DATE OF REPORT 7-13-12  
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 1222 Ryan Rd Apt A New Haven CT 06774

DAMAGE WAS TO:  
ELECTRIC - POLE / TRANSFORMER: # \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR INSTALLED \_\_\_\_\_ BROKEN YES ( ) NO ( )

OTHER (DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_

GAS: SERVICE  MAIN ( ) SIZE 1 1/2 MATERIAL PLASTIC  STEEL ( ) METER ( ) REG STATION ( ) STUB ( )  
OTHER (DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 12 PRESSURE (PSI) 450 Lbs.

RELEASE OF GAS: YES  NO ( ) IGNITION OF GAS: YES ( ) NO  EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES ( ) # \_\_\_\_\_ NO

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES  NO ( ) NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 1

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 14:23 TIME SHUT OFF 14:45 TIME RESTORED NA

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: Cut in half

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES  DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS 20 ft. NO ( )  
HOW LOCATED: PAINT ( ) FLAGS ( ) BOTH  WHITE LINED ( )

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Wisel ent.

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 1222 Ryan Rd New Haven CT 06774

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Jerry

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_

FIRE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Any Injuries? ( ) YES # \_\_\_\_\_  NO

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES ( ) NO  TAKEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)

MEDIA ON SITE: YES ( ) NO

WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- ( ) AGRICULTURE/FARMING
- ( ) BLDG. CONSTRUCTION
- ( ) DRIVEWAY
- ( ) FENCING
- ( ) LANDSCAPING
- ( ) POLE/SIGN POST
- ( ) CABLE TV
- ( ) DEMOLITION
- ( ) ELECTRIC
- ( ) GRADING
- ( ) PIPELINE
- ( ) ROAD WORK
- ( ) CURB/SIDEWALK
- ( ) DRAINAGE
- ( ) SURVEYING
- ( ) IRRIGATION
- ( ) MILLING
- SEWER
- ( ) TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- ( ) WATER
- ( ) DRAINS/CULVERTS
- ( ) MOWING
- ( ) OTHER

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- ( ) AUGER
- ( ) MILLING EQUIPMENT
- ( ) EXPLOSIVES
- ( ) VACCUUM EQUIPMENT
- ( ) HAND TOOLS
- ( ) PROBING DEVICE
- ( ) TRENCHER
- ( ) GRADER
- BACKHOE/TRACKHOE
- ( ) BORING / DRILLING
- ( ) FARM EQUIPMENT
- ( ) OTHER

REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- ( ) AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT
- ( ) NO NOTIFICATION
- ( ) EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE
- ( ) MARKS DISTURBED
- ( ) CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR
- ( ) STUB
- OTHER No holes in Area



10329 aboite road  
roanoke, in 46783  
phone (260) 672-9664  
fax (260) 672-3907

**DATE**  
September 17, 2012

**No. of Pages** 8  
(including cover sheet)

**ATTENTION:**

Bobi Culver  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

**FROM:**

Rachel A. Wisel  
Secretary

**RE: INFORMATION REQUEST - CASE #3367**

Please find the following completed Information Request, descriptive letter of events, and a map in reference to Case #3367. If you have any additional questions, please contact myself at 260-740-7098. I will gather the information and get you as quick as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

317-232-6758



**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION - PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Case Number: 3367

*The Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requests any and all information you can provide regarding the following criteria.*

*Upon completion of answers select email button for submission.*

**The Parties**

**Excavator Information:**

Business Name: Wisel Enterprises LLC

Responsible Party Personal Name: Jerome P. Wisel

Title (if any): Owner

Address (number and street): 10329 Aboite Rd

City, State and ZIP Code: Rosnov, IN 46783

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 260-672-9604

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 260-410-0630

Email Address: wiselentinc@msn.com

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: NIPSCO

Responsible Party Personal Name: NA

Title (if any): NA

Address (number and street): PO Box 13007

City, State and ZIP Code: Merriville, IN 46411-3007

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 800-464-7726 CUSTOMER SERVICE

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): NA

Email Address: NA

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: SM & P

Responsible Party Personal Name: NA

Title (if any): NA

Address (number and street): 9045 N River Rd Ste 300

City, State and ZIP Code: Indianapolis, IN 46240

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 317-575-7800

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): NA

Email Address: NA

**Cause of Damage Information**

Type of Equipment (select one): shovel

Type of Work Performed (select one): digging up septic tank to pump out sewage

Other Information (Witness, Police, Fire, Other):

Personal Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Utility Line Impact**

**Location of Damage:**

Address (number and street): 1222 South Ryan Rd

City, State and ZIP Code: New Haven, IN 46774

Nearest Intersection: Edgerton Rd & Ryan Rd.

Product Type (select one): gas

Facility Type (select one): commercial

Size (Diameter/etc.): 3/4"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): unknown

Interruption in Service:  Yes  No Number of Customers Affected: \_\_\_\_\_

Evacuation:  Yes  No If yes, How Many Evacuated? \_\_\_\_\_

Repair Cost (if known): \$ unknown because line needed removed from over top of septic tank

Release of Product:  Yes  No

Ignition and/or Fire:  Yes  No

Excavator Notify 811:  Yes  No

**Locate Information**

Excavator Request Locate:  Yes  No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1205242106  
120612429  
1206271446  
1207132418

Locate Marks Visible:  Yes  No

Locate Marks Correct:  Yes  No

*Fence mark correct, no marking between meter & fence*

Excavator "White Lined":  Yes  No

Maps Used to Mark Facilities:  Yes  No

*We did not have any maps*

Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days:  Yes  No

Operator Employees On-site during Excavation:  Yes  No

**Incident Impact Information**

Number of Outpatient Treated:      $\emptyset$     

Number of Inpatient Treated:      $\emptyset$     

Number of Fatalities:      $\emptyset$     

Fire Department Response:  Yes  No

Police Department Response:  Yes  No

Ambulance Response:  Yes  No

**Additional Information / Comments**

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3367

Your Full Name: Jerome P. Wisel

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Wisel Enterprises LLC

Your Business Title (if applicable): Owner

Address (number and street): 10329 Aboite Rd

City: Roanoke State: IN ZIP Code: 46783

Your E-mail Address: wiselentinc@msn.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): 9/16/12

Your Signature: Jerome P. Wisel Title (if any) owner

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3367  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, 1500E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

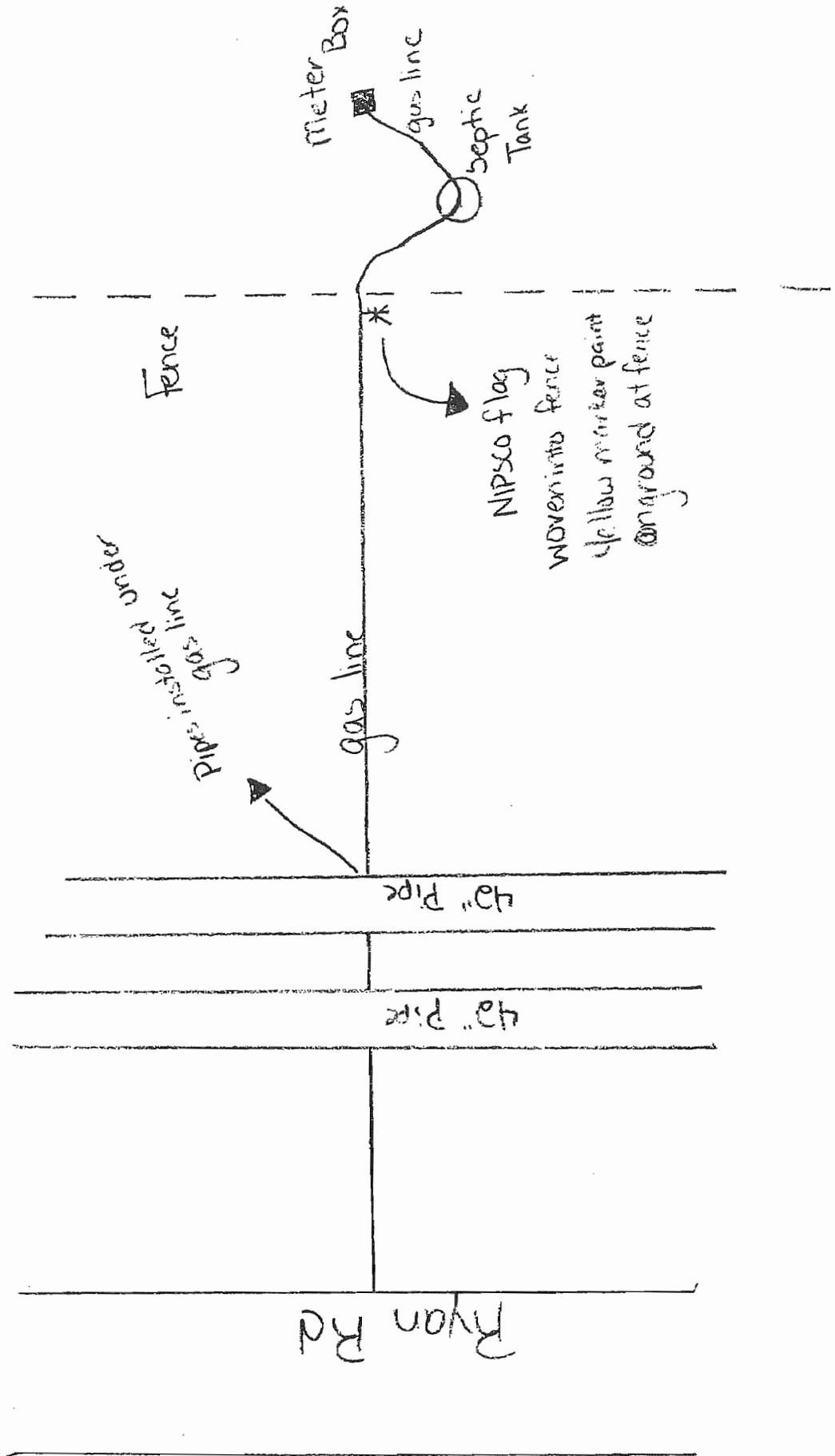
Or scan the statement and Email to:

[PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)

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We were on-site performing major excavation for the Allen County Surveyor's Office installing twin 42" concrete pipe for drainage, and we had to go under the service drop approx. 50' off of Ryan Road. This project is taking a few months to complete, and there are several located numbers associated with the project due to extension dates on the locate. The particular locate number for this site is as follows (original number followed by extension numbers): 1205242106, 1206112429, 1206271446, and 1207132418. At the time of excavation, we were running raw sewage from the septic tank at the building into the trench. We contacted the County Engineer, and this tank was unknown and unregistered. We then contacted the building owner, and it was unknown to him also. Because we had raw sewage running into our open trench with our men in the trench, we had to pump this tank immediately to avoid any health or safety issues. The property owner and my employees both looked at the situation as far as markings. The gas line was marked approx. 16' off of the meter at the fence, and from Ryan Road to the fence. The line was perfectly straight and lined up with the meter at the building. Everyone on-site concurred that the gas line should be out of the way without a problem. Unbeknownst to us, the gas line made a 12' loop over the top of the septic tank to the meter (see drawing). After cutting, the NIPSCO employee that came to the site decided that in order to facilitate the removal of the septic tank and installation of a new sewer system, the line needed to be redone in a straight line and not left as a loop as it was incorrectly installed originally. He then capped off the line at the fence to arrange for a new line to be rerouted and installed. We do not feel that we have made any violation. Yes, we did mistakenly cut the line, but we do not feel it was because of negligence or lack of compliance.

1222 Ryan Rd  
New Haven, IN 46774



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All dimensions are not to scale