



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Brads-Ko Engineering And Surveying, Inc.

UPPAC Database Record ID: 437

Investigator: Howard Friend

Telephone: (317) 232-2717

Report Date: 01/17/2012

Damage Date: 05/25/2011

Damage Address: 22127 In Route 119

City: Goshen

County: Elkhart

The Parties

Excavator: Brads-Ko Engineering And Surveying, Inc.
Commercial Business

Contact: Greg Shock, Vice President

Address: 1009 South 9Th Street, Goshen, In 46526

Telephone: (574) 533-9913

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Luke Selking, Leader Integrity Management & Pipeline Safety

Address: 1501 Hale Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: Yes

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$470

Excavator Activities

Indiana 811 Locate Request Number: NA

Excavation Equipment: Probing Device

Nature of Excavation: Engineering/Surveying

Synopsis: Plastic natural gas service damaged by 5/8" rebar driven into ground by survey crew working for Elkhart County on CR 17 Expansion project.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator signed for initial mailing on 09/26/2011. Excavator failed to request locates. In this case, Brads-Ko disputes that they were actually excavating, however, IC 8-1-26 includes "driving" in the definition of excavation, IC 8-1-26-6.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

Brads-Ko Engineering And Surveying, Inc. has no other damage reports in the record.