



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Fe Harding Asphalt Co**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3068

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 8/3/2012

Damage Date: 6/25/2012

Damage Address: 542 W Braeside Ndr

City: Indianapolis

County: Marion

### The Parties

Excavator: **Fe Harding Asphalt Co**

Contact: Dennis Ward, Sr. Vice President Operations

Address: 10151 Hague Rd, Indianapolis, In 46256

Telephone: 317-849-9666

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: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

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 requested

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Curb/Sidewalk

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged during excavation for concrete sidewalk work.

**Findings:** Reported by Tony Chan (Citizens Gas); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 7/31/2012. Excavator did not request locates reporting a lack of need to request locates for removing an above ground section of sidewalk and driving form pins into the ground thinking "excavating" was not occurring.

**Conclusion:** Excavator failed to request facility locates.

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

**Fe Harding Asphalt Co** has no other report of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



## DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)  
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jun 28, 2012

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### 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

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### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: HARDING ASPHALT CO

Business address (*number and street*): 10151 HAGUE RD

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46256

Telephone number (*area code*): 317-849-9666

Fax number (*area code*): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Curb/Sidewalk

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## Date and Location of Damage

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

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
542 W BRAESIDE NDR

Nearest intersection: COVENTRY RD

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

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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? 13

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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? 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

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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**



**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

**Case Number:** 3068

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*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.*

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**The Parties**

**Excavator Information:**

Business Name: FE Harding Asphalt Companies, Inc

Responsible Party Personal Name: Dennis Ward

Title (if any): Sr. Vice President, Operations

Address (number and street): 10151 Hague Road

City, State and ZIP Code: Indianapolis, IN 46256

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 317-849-9666

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 317-681-8888

Email Address: dward@hardingasphalt.com

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: Citizens Gas

Responsible Party Personal Name: Unknown

Title (if any):

Address (number and street): 2020 N. Meridian Street

City, State and ZIP Code: Indianapolis, IN 46202 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: None \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party Personal 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cause of Damage Information**

Type of Equipment (select one): Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed (select one): Curb/Sidewalk

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

Personal Contact: None \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Utility Line Impact**

**Location of Damage:**

Address (*number and street*): 542 Braeside Drive North \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nearest Intersection: West 91st Street and Springmill Road \_\_\_\_\_

**Product Type (*select one*):** Natural Gas

**Facility Type (*select one*):** Service/Drop

**Size (Diameter/etc.):** 3/4 - 1 inch \_\_\_\_\_

**Pressure (PSIG/Inches):** Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

**Interruption in Service:**       Yes       No      **Number of Customers Affected:** 0 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Repair Cost (if known):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Release of Product:**       Yes       No

**Ignition and/or Fire:**       Yes       No

**Excavator Notify 811:**       Yes       No

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**Locate Information**

**Excavator Request Locate:**       Yes       No

**Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Locate Marks Visible:  Yes  No
- Locate Marks Correct:  Yes  No
- Excavator "White Lined":  Yes  No
- Maps Used to Mark Facilities:  Yes  No
- 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: None

Number of Inpatient Treated: None

Number of Fatalities: None

Fire Department Response:  Yes  No

Police Department Response:  Yes  No

Ambulance Response:  Yes  No

**Additional Information / Comments**

Project involved the removal and replacement of an existing above grade concrete sidewalk. There was not any excavation below grade involved. Thus locates were not considered required and were not called.

During construction of the new concrete sidewalk, form pins were driven with a small hammer into the ground to an approximate depth of 8 - 12 inches. One of the form pins struck the gas service line that was buried at a shallow depth. This was not anticipated at such a shallow depth. There was not mechanical equipment involved. See attached picture of location.

Subsequent to this event, we have revised our policy and instructed our supervisors, that ALL construction activities that involve removal of above grade pavement structures and/or penetration with form pins, must have locates called in, irregardless of depth or lack of excavation involvement.

**NARRATIVE STATEMENT**

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3068

Your Full Name: Dennis A Ward

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): FE Harding Asphalt Companies, Inc.

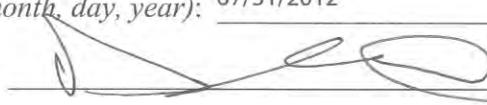
Your Business Title (if applicable): Sr. Vice President, Operations

Address (number and street): 10151 Hague Road

City: Indianapolis State: IN ZIP Code: 46256

Your E-mail Address: dward@hardingasphalt.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): 07/31/2012

Your Signature:  Title (if any) Sr. Vice President

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3068**  
**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)



LOCATION OF  
GAS LINE

