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Complaint Form Request

Requester Information

Name: Ed Hawthorne
Company: City of Enumclaw Gas
Company Phone: (253)285-5290
Company Email: ehawthorne@ci.enumclaw.wa.us
Company Address: 2041 Railroad St, Enumclaw, 98022
Ticket Requested: no

Violation Information

Violation RCW: RCW 19.122.030
Violation Section: Did not call for locate prior to excavation
Violation Description: While auguring a fence post hole, the contractor damaged a 2 inch gas main resulting in the uncontrolled release of gas. When the operator was questioned why he was excavating without a locate, he responded "what is a locate". The operator had no idea of what a locate is or when it should be called.
Violation Address: Becky Ave between 477 and 489
Violation Date: 03/17/2020

Alleged Violator

Violator Name: Quality Fence Builder
Violator Phone Number: (206)786-1838
Violator Email: swede@quality-fence.com
Violator Address: 214 21st St Se, Auburn, 98002
Violator Employess On Site: Warren Frint

Swede Mccurdy 253-939-8533
PO Box 854 Auburn 98071

Other Information

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May 7th, 2020

Safety Committee
P.O. Box 749
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Re: Complaint Case 20-013 City of Enumclaw Gas vs. Quality Fence Builders

Dear Committee,

On March 17, 2020, City of Enumclaw Gas responded to an emergency 911 call reporting blowing gas at Suntop Division 5, a new plat on the east side of town. Mark VanWieringen, the Gas Supervisor responded 15 minutes after receiving the call finding that Quality Fence Builders had damaged a 2-inch gas main operating at 35 psi while auguring a fence post hole. The contractor was utilizing a skid steer with augur attachment to excavate for a future fence being placed around a storm water facility. The primary cause of this accident was due to the contractor failing to call in locates prior to excavation, this action resulted in the uncontrolled release of natural gas, placing the contractor, public, and City of Enumclaw Gas workers in danger. Mark VanWieringen reported that the two persons operating the augur claimed to not know what a locate was or understand why it was required. After locating the line, the contractor had placed multiple post directly on top of the main.

Below are photos showing the damaged pipe, equipment, and location of fence in reference to the gas main.





Sincerely,

Ed Hawthorne
Gas Utility manager
City of Enumclaw