CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND FACILITIES SAFE EXCAVATION BOARD INVESTIGATION DIVISION INCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT



Case Number: 20LA1094	Report Date : 6-4-2021
Subject Name: Imerys Mineral USA, Inc.	Notification Date: 5-7-2020

Reporting Party Information:

Bryon Walsh, Pipeline Safety Advisor, Southern California Gas Company, 555 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90013, Phone: 805-550-0979

Subject(s) of Investigation:

Imerys Mineral USA, Inc., 2500 San Miguelito Rd., Lompoc, Ca. 93436

Date & Time of Incident:

5-7-2020 at 1403 hours

Location of Incident:

2500 San Miguelito Rd, Lompoc, CA 93436

Ticket #: None

Main ticket number: None

- Revision number | Created Legal Start Expiration

Operator:

Southern California Gas Company

Excavator:

Imerys Mineral USA, Inc.

Facility Type Damaged:

Eight-inch steel gas line.

Violations:

4216.2(b) California Government Code-Failure to notify Regional Notification Center of intent to conduct an excavation.

Notification:

The California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board was notified of this incident by Southern California Gas Company (SCG) on 5-7-2020.

Fatalities and Injuries:

None

Damages:

Eight-inch steel gas pipe belonging to Southern California Gas Company. A ten-inch tear in the pipe was caused by an earthmover owned by Imerys while excavating.

Responding Entities:

Southern California Gas Company and Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Scene Description:

Excavation site was located at 2500 San Miguelito Rd, Lompoc, Ca. 93436 in a rural area of Santa Barbara County.

Summary of Investigation:

On 5-7-2020, the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board was notified by Southern California Gas Company (SCG) that a dig in occurred in the city of Lompoc. I was assigned this case by chief investigator, Jason Corsey.

As search of the Contractors State License Board website showed that Imerys Mineral USA, Inc. is not licensed contractor in the State of Caliornia.

The information provided by SCG indicated that a crew hit an eight-inch gas line requiring a response from the local fire department. On 6-3-2020, DigAlert provided ticket # A201290217 (Exhibit 1), included with the ticket was the audio portion of the excavation request from DigAlert. The person ordering the ticket identified himself as Layton Bovee (Bovee), an employee of Imerys. Bovee's title was crew leader. Boyee called in the DigAlert ticket on 5-8-20 at 9:29am, the morning after the damage occurred.

On 5-8-2020, I called the Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBCFD), Records Division. The records supervisor emailed SBCFD Fire Report 20-005182 to my attention (**Exhibit 2**). Per the report, the SBCFD received a call for response at 1406 hours. SBCFD units arrived at 1424 hours. The call was cancelled on scene by SCG at 1425 hours.

On 6-10-2020 at 0830 hours, I travelled to Lompoc to attend a scheduled meeting between Imerys and SCG. In attendance was Bruce Coggin (Coggin), Safety Manager for Imerys. Also in attendance was Bryon Walsh (Walsh), Pipeline Safety Advisor for SCG. Coggin advised me that he was excavating without a DigAlert ticket and hit and damaged an eight-inch pipe belonging to SCG. Coggin stated that he was doing weed abatement and removing scrub brush with an earthmover when he hit the pipeline. I advised Coggin of the requirements of 4216 of the Government Code. Coggin also advised me that he was going to be the only point of contact from Imerys regarding this incident.

Coggin led us to the site of the damage. The site had already been repaired by an SCG emergency crew. SCG provided photographs to me showing the damage and the earthmover that caused it." (**Exhibit 3**). There are two gas markers within the damaged area. One is approximately 40 feet to the south of the hit pipe, and one is to the north at 27 feet. Approximately 15 feet north of the damaged pipe location was an overhead pole belong to Pacific Gas and Electric. (PG&E) The pole number is 110341652.

Investigative Findings

GC 4216.2 (b) Requires an excavator planning to conduct an excavation to notify the appropriate regional notification center of the excavator's intent to excavate at least two working days, and not more than 14 calendar days, before beginning that excavation. However, an excavator and an operator may mutually agree to a different notice and start date.

On May 7, 2020 at 1403 hours, Imerys Mineral USA, Inc. employee Bruce Coggin was excavating scrub brush on their property without a DigAlert ticket. Coggin stated that he was doing weed abatement and removing scrub brush with an earthmover when he hit and damaged an eight-inch pipe belonging to the Southern California Gas Company. A crew from Southern California Gas arrived at 1430 hours and gas was stopped at 1525 hours. No injuries were reported. No property damage other than the eight inch SCG pipe. Imerys failed to contact DigAlert to obtain a ticket prior to beginning excavation.

Imery's is in violation of Government Code 4216.2(b)

Investigator Name	estigator Name S		Supervisor Name		
John Benane		Jason Corsey			
Signature	Signature Date		Date		
Jason Corsey for John Benane Jason Corsey	6/4/2021	Jason Corsey	6/4/2021		

Witness List

Name:	Amber Dahl, Safety Director of DigAlert
Address:	P.O. Box 77070, Corona, CA. 92877
Phone:	951-808-8115
DL:	
Knowledge of:	DigAlert receiving call, foundation of Dig ticket A201290217.

Name:	Bruce Coggin, Safety Manager, Imerys Mineral USA, Inc.
Address:	2500 San Miguelito Rd., Lompoc, Ca. 93436
Phone:	805-742-6804
DL:	
Knowledge of:	Scope of work, employees involved, notification of incident.

Name:	Lt. Steven Link, Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Address:	3510 Harris Grade Rd. Lompoc, Ca. 93436
Phone:	805-737-7742
DL:	
Knowledge of:	Call information and cancellation of the response.

Name:	Bryon Walsh, Pipeline Safety Advisor, SoCal Gas Company
Address:	555 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90013
Phone:	805-550-0979
DL:	
Knowledge of:	Call to repair, incident reports, photographs, labor and repair costs, observations and statements made by employees of Imerys Mineral USA, Inc.

Exhibit List

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Exhibit	Description	Date Received	Received From
Number			
01	DigAlert ticket #A201290217	5-8-2020	DigAlert
02	Santa Barbara County Fire Report #20-005182	5-8-2020	Santa Barbara County Fire Department
03	Damage report, leak repair order, and 8 photographs	6-10-2020	SoCal Gas
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Ticket: A201290217-00A

MBRCOD 00001A USAS 06/03/20 10:57:30 A201290217-00A NEW NORM POLY LREQ

Ticket: A201290217 Rev: 00A Created: 05/08/20 09:29 User: MAR Chan: 100

Work Start: 05/12/20 17:01 Legal Start: 05/12/20 17:01 Expires: 06/05/20 23:59

Response required: Y Priority: 2

Excavator Information

Company: IMERYS

Co Addr: 2500 SAN MIGUELITO RD

City : LOMPOC State: CA Zip: 93436 Created By: LAYTON BOVEE Language: ENGLISH Office Phone: 801-540-8480 SMS/Cell: 801-540-8480

Office Email: LAYTON.BOVEE@IMERYS.COM

Site Contact: LAYTON BOVEE

Site Phone: 801-540-8480 Site SMS/Cell:

Site Email:

Excavation Area

State: CA County: SANTA BARBARA Place: LOMPOC

Zip: 93436

Location: Address/Street: 2500 SAN MIGUELITO RD

: X/ST1: W WILLOW AVE

: FROM ENTRANCE E/FOR APPROX 1 MILE TO METERS WITHIN PROPERTY **MAP DONE

: BY KRI**

Delineated Method: NONE

Work Type: CLEAR AND GRUMB OF BUSHES

Work For : IMERYS

Permit: Job/Work order:

1 Year: N Boring: N Street/Sidewalk: N Vacuum: N Explosives: N

Lat/Long

Center Generated (NAD83): 34.611798/-120.462757 34.605269/-120.445999 : 34.600966/-120.466977 34.594437/-120.450218

Excavator Provided:

Map link:

https://newtin.digalert.org/newtinweb/map tkt.nap?TRG=92TbQTYRWOQTQOZ-E

Members:

PGE01 SCG4UK UTFTRCA01

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Ticket Responses for: A201290217-00A

Member	Name	Rev	Responded	Ву	Re spons e
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SCG4UK	MARIA	UUA	05:01:12 PM	Notice	the required time
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Property Use M Non Structures 131 Church, Place of 161 Restaurant or Ca 162 Bar/Tavern or Nic 213 Helementary School, Juni 241 College, Adult Ed 311 Nursing Home 331 Hospital	Worship feteria Intclub ol, Kindegarten or High	341 Clinic, Clinic-Ty 342 Doctor/Dentist 361 Prison or Jail, N 419 1- or 2-Family D 429 MultiFamily Dw 439 Rooming/Board 449 Commerical Residential, Bo 464 Dormitory/Baru 519 Food and Beve	Office Not Juvenile Not Juvenile Notelling Sing House Notel Notel Notel Notel Notel	571 Gas or Se 579 Motor Ve 599 Business 615 Electric- 629 Laborato 700 Manufaci 819 Livestool	ehicle/Boat Sales/Repairs Office Generating Plant orry/Science Laboratory turing Plant k/Poultry Storage (Barn) idential Parking Garage
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5055	Link, Stephen			05/09/2020
Officer In Charge ID	Signature	Position or Rank	Assignment	Date
5055	Link, Stephen			05/08/2020
Member Making Report	Signature	Position or Rank	Assignment	Date

NFIRS-2 Fire

A CA 05 FDID State Month	Day Year	34 (34) Station	0005182 Number	Exposure
B Property Details B1	units in the building ne involved nvolved	C On-Site Materials Or Products		n-Site Materials corage Use
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NFIRS-9 Apparatus or Resources

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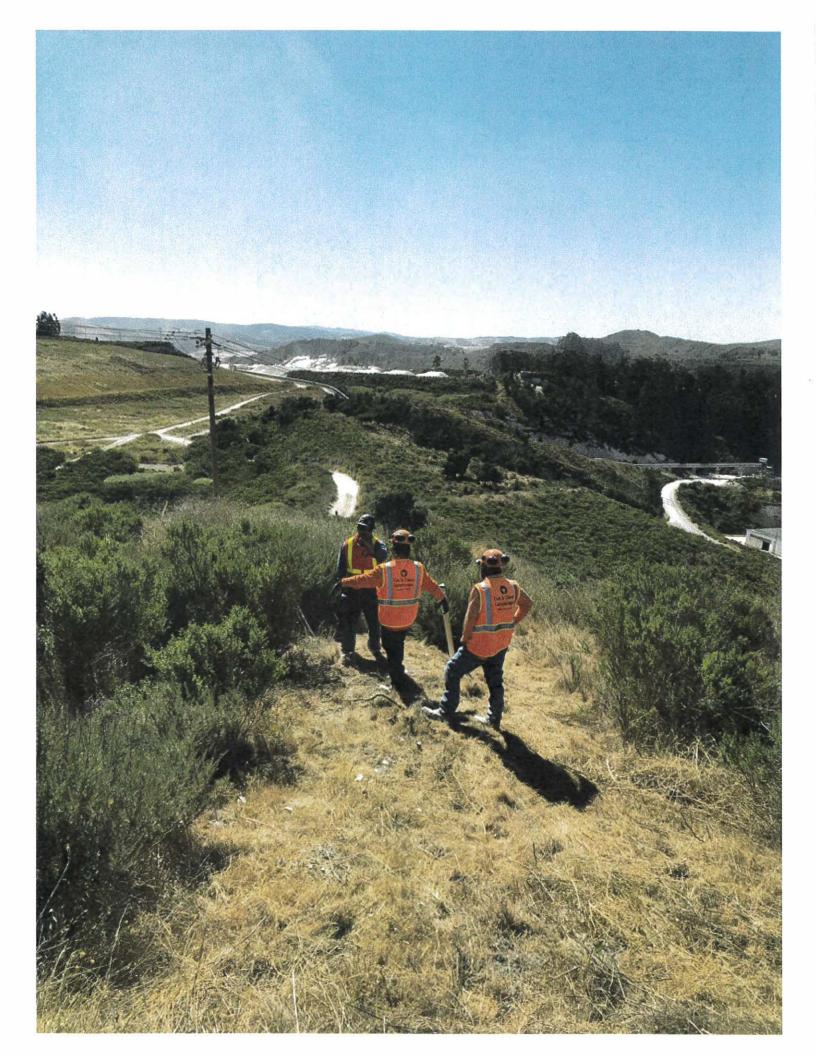
NFIRS-10 Personnel

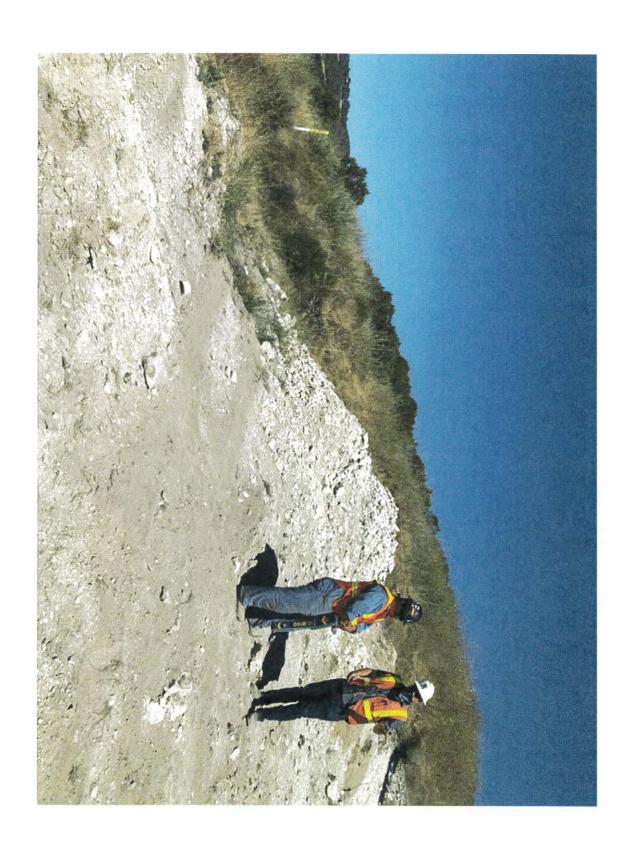
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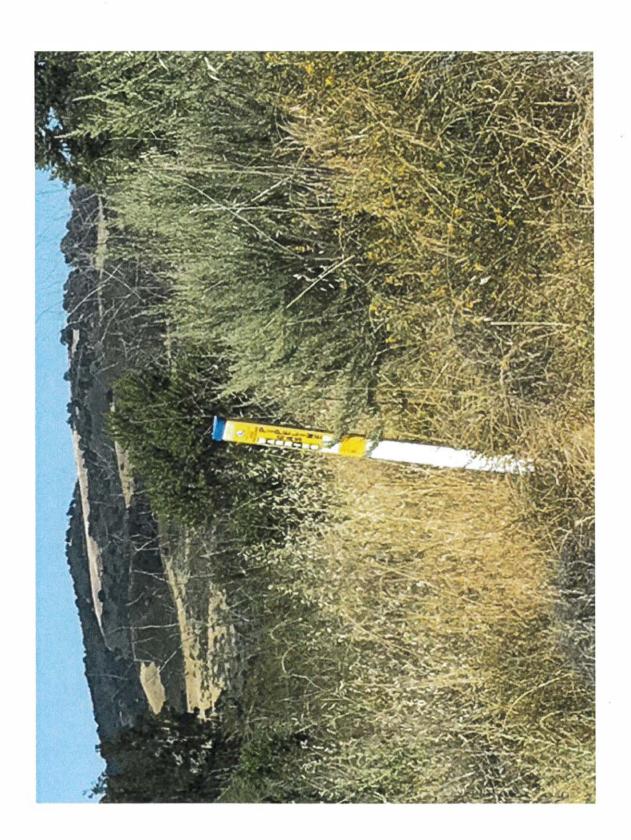
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Personnel ID	Name	Rank Role	Attend	Actions Taken
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5300	Lane, Brad		Ţ.	93-Cancelled en route
5055	Link, Stephen	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	l.	93-Cancelled en route

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LEAK REPAIR ORDER

Leak Code

Leak ID # 2008963

Detected Date

05-08-2020

Confidential and Protected Material

Incident Time: (24hr) ____14·03____ Incident Date: _05/07/2020_ Incident Location: city/County: Lompoc / Santa Barbara Address/Location: 2500 San Miguelito Rd Incident Cause: Third-party Damage Gas Equipment Affected: Service (Main/Service/etc) Material: St Pipe size: 8-inch MAOP: 340 psig мор: <u>170 psig</u> Dig In Information: USA notification required: Yes) No USA notified: Yes / No Facilities properly marked: Yes / No / NA Uknown-Name of Excavator: Excavator Contact Person: _____ On Scene: Date Time 09:13 Company Personnel on Scene 05/07/20 5/07/20 15:25 Gas Flow Stopped Customer Outages (Quantity)

EIR No. _20200507-161000

Summary of incident:

Customer was doing weed abatement with an earthmover when they hit the 8-inch ste gas service line. There was no valid USA ticket for this work. SoCalGas crew responded, controlled the gas, and made permanent repairs. Only contact info we have is for Imerys PMA-West Hub- Jared Watts 775-388-4933. This is whom SoCalGas has been in contact with.

