



**CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND FACILITIES SAFE EXCAVATION BOARD
INVESTIGATION DIVISION
INVESTIGATION REPORT**

DATE: December 19, 2022

CASE No.: CAS-01491-J2J3Q4

Violations:

Government Code § 4216.2(b). Excavating without first notifying the Regional One Call Center.

California Government Code § 4216.4(c)(3). Failure to report damage to the Regional One Call Center.

Executive Summary:

USA Construction performed excavation by digging a trench to install an electrical line at an apartment building in Santa Monica, California, without first calling the Regional One Call Center. A natural gas service line was damaged and ignited resulting in a fire.

The excavator denied causing the fire. The city fire department report indicated that the “heat source” for the fire was a “spark, ember, or flame from operating equipment.” Information available did not allow the investigator to resolve or explain that apparent conflict. No injuries or evacuations occurred during the fire.

After damaging the natural gas service line, USA Construction failed to report the damage to the Regional One Call Center.

Report Date:	Case Number:	Notification Date:
December 19, 2022	CAS-01491-J2J3Q4	May 02, 2022

Subject of Investigation:

USA Construction

Reporting Party Information:

Southern California Gas Company

Prior Relevant Board Actions:

None

Date and Time of Incident:

April 05, 2022

Location of the Incident:

1134 17th Street, Apartment A
Santa Monica, California 90403

Ticket:

No Ticket

Operator:

Southern California Gas Company
555 West 5th Street
Los Angeles, California, 90013

Excavator:

USA Construction
18954 Strathearn Street
Reseda, California 91335

Facility Type Damaged:

½ inch natural gas service line

Scene Description:

Residential apartment building

Complaint from Southern California Gas Company

On May 02, 2022, the California Underground Safety Board received a complaint from Southern California Gas Company (SCG) alleging that USA Construction, a licensed contractor with the Contractors State License Board (license #1040424) (Exh. 1.), had excavated without a ticket and damaged SCG's ½ inch natural gas service line which ignited resulting in a fire. The cause of the ignition was not determined.

Investigation by Southern California Gas Company

On May 05, 2022, I contacted Edwin Baires (Baires), Pipeline Safety & Compliance Team Lead for SCG, via email and requested all pertinent information regarding the incident. (Exh. 2.) On May 09, 2022, Baires responded via email and provided a SCG damage report, a copy of the contractor's license history, scene photos, and a video of the fire. (Exh. 3 & 4.) A photo from the SCG report depicting the incident scene, which shows the trench and gas service line. (Photo 1.)

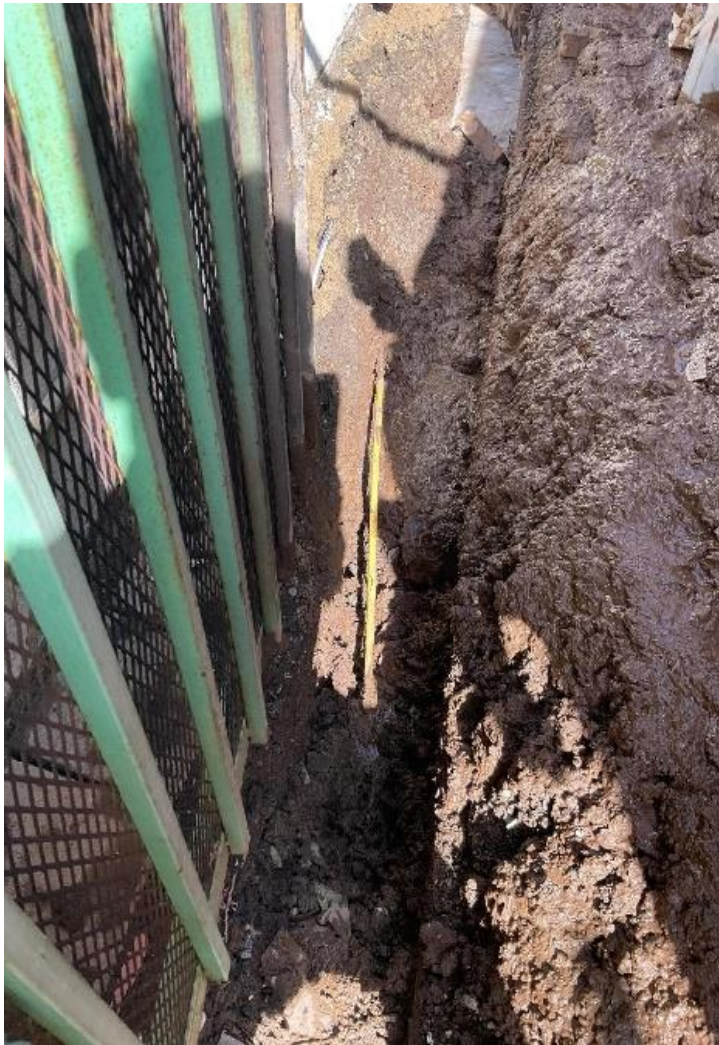


Photo 1 Provided by Southern California Gas Company

Interview of Sharon Rubin

On May 11, 2022, I interviewed Sharon Rubin, Owner of USA Construction, via phone. During the call, Chief Jason Corsey was also present. (Exh. 5.) I asked Rubin to tell me what happened in his own words. Rubin stated his employee Julio Rivera hit a gas line. Rubin stated there was no way he could not miss it because it was only 3 inches and not 18 inches deep, which he said was the required depth.

I asked Rubin who is the person responsible for calling in tickets for his company. Rubin stated that he (himself) is responsible for calling in tickets for his own company. I asked Rubin if he had called the Regional Notification Center to obtain a one-call ticket for the work on 17th Street. Rubin stated that he did not call to obtain a ticket because the job site was an apartment building. I asked Rubin how many employees he had. Rubin stated that he only had one employee, Rivera, who was working on-site and did the excavation on the day of the incident.

I asked Rubin what type of equipment Rivera used to dig the trench, and Rubin stated that Rivera used a shovel. Rubin denied that any power tools were used on the day of the incident. I also asked Rubin what caused the gas to ignite, and Rubin stated that he didn't know what caused the gas line to ignite. Rubin stated that he called 9-1-1, and the Fire Department came out, put out the fire, and that there were no injuries.

Interview of Edwin Baires

On May 12, 2022, I interviewed Baires of SCG, and he stated that SCG was called out to the scene due to a gas leak. (Exh. 6.) Baires stated that Luis Robles, Damage Prevention Analyst for SCG, responded to the incident and suggested I call Robles.

Interview of Luis Robles

On May 17, 2022, I interviewed Luis Robles (Robles), Damage Prevention Analyst for SCG, who responded to the incident that day. (Exh. 7.) Robles stated that he believes SCG called the Fire Department after the incident. Robles stated that he was on-site for approximately four hours and never saw or spoke to Rubin. Robles stated that he was informed that Rubin went to the Home Depot, but Robles never saw him.

I asked Robles if he had seen any power tools on-site. Robles stated that one of his staff members had taken a photo of a burned saw as the SCG crew cleaned out the hole to make the repair. Robles stated that the saw is what most likely ignited the fire at the job site. (Photo 2.)



Photo 2 provided by Southern California Gas Company

Interview of Julio Rivera

On May 18, 2022, I interviewed Rivera (Spanish speaker), an employee of USA Construction, about the incident on April 05, 2022. (Exh. 8.) According to Rivera, he works for Rubin, owner of USA Construction, on and off.

Rivera stated that he was working alone on the day of the incident. Rubin was on the back side of the property. Rivera stated that he used a shovel to dig the trench and a saw to cut what he thought was an abandoned pipeline. Rivera stated that when cutting the “abandoned pipeline,” he heard a hissing sound, which he believed was the gas line he had hit.

When asked if that cutting possibly ignited the fire, he responded no, as he used the shovel and said he didn’t know what ignited the fire.

- Rivera stated he had knowledge about the Regional One Call Center and calling in for a ticket.
- Rivera stated the gas line was not deep enough therefore he didn't feel he had to call in prior to the excavation.
- Rivera said he advised Rubin to call but said Rubin is a stubborn man, and he refused to call Regional One Call Center for a ticket.
- Rivera admitted that the burned saw found by SCG belonged to him.
- Rivera added that he also used a pickax; and left both tools at job site as they both burned in the fire.

On May 17, 2022, I submitted an online Public Records Request with the City of Santa Monica's Fire Department. (Exh. 9.)

On May 19, 2022, I emailed Amber Dahl, Safety Director of the Underground Service Alert of Southern Regional One Call Center, to request if a Dig Alert ticket had been obtained. (Exh. 10.)

On the same day, May 19, 2022, Dahl replied that there was only a DigAlert Repair ticket # A220951113 issued to SCG for the repair of their gas line. (Exh 11.)

On May 19, 2022, I received the City of Santa Monica's Fire Department responded to the Public Records Request.

Per the Santa Monica Fire Department report:

- 7 apparatus were dispatched.
- 23 personnel were on scene.
- The "heat source" for the fire was a "spark, ember, or flame from operating equipment." (Exh. 12.)

On May 23, 2022, Dahl stated via email that there were no requests and no ticket found for the incident location from USA Construction before the excavation. (Exh. 13.)

On September 08, 2022, I followed up with Rubin via phone and text message. The purpose of the contact was to re-interview Rubin to clarify his location during the incident and if he had additional information on the cause of ignition. As of the date of this report, I am still waiting for a response from Rubin. (Exh. 14.) Rubin failed to further comply with the investigation process.

Findings:

1. USA Construction excavated by digging a trench to install an electrical line and failed to contact the Regional One Call Center.
2. In excavating, Rivera, an employee of USA Construction, exposed an underground gas line operated by Southern California Gas. Rivera admitted he used a saw to cut the line.
3. After damaging the gas line, USA Construction failed to report the damage to the Regional One Call Center.

Investigator Name	Supervisor Name
Daysi Alcantar	Brittney Branaman
Signature	Signature
<i>Daysi Alcantar</i>	<i>Brittney Branaman</i>

Witness List

Name: Edwin Baires, Pipeline Safety & Compliance Team Lead
Organization: SoCal Gas
Address: 555 West 5th St. Los Angeles, California 90013
Knowledge of: Incident that occurred on 04/05/2022

Name: Sharon Rubin, owner of USA Construction Address:
18954 Strathearn St. Reseda, California 91335 Knowledge of:
Gas line been struck by his employee

Name: Luis Robles, Damage Prevention Analyst for SoCal Gas
Organization: SoCal Gas
Address: 555 West 5th St. Los Angeles, California 90013
Knowledge of: Gas line been struck


Name: Julio Rivera
Organization: Employee of USA Construction
Address: Refused to provide
Knowledge of: Employee that conducted excavation work

Exhibit List:

Exhibit No.	Description	Date /Requested Received	Received From
1	Investigator requested CSLB License	5/02/2022	CSLB Website
2	Investigator sent Damage request email to SCG	Sent 5/05/2022	
3	Email response from SCG	5/09/2022	Edwin Baires
4	Damage Report from SCG	5/09/2022	Edwin Baires
5	Sharon Rubin, interview (Owner of USA Construction)	Interviewed on 5/11/2022	
6	Interview with Edwin Baires of SCG	Interviewed on 5/12/2022	
7	Luis Robles, interview (SCG, Damage Prevention Analyst)	Interviewed on 5/17/2022	
8	Julio Rivera, interview (Employee of USA Construction)	Interviewed on 5/18/2022	
9	City of Santa Monica Public Records Request (online)	Sent 5/17/2022	
10	Investigator Email Ticket Request to DigAlert	Sent 5/19/2022	
11	Email response from DigAlert	05/19/2022	DigAlert
12	Santa Monica Fire Department Response	05/19/2022	Santa Monica Fire Department
13	DigAlert no ticket found response	05/23/2022	DigAlert
14	Investigator followed-up text message to Sharon Rubin	Sent 9/08/2022	

Exhibit 1

Contractor's License Detail for License # 1040424

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Business Information

UNITED STATE OF THE ART CONSTRUCTION
dba USA CONSTRUCTION

18954 STRATHERN ST
RESEDA, CA 91335

Business Phone

Entity Corporation

Issue Date 06/08/2018

Expire Date **06/30/2024**

License Status

This license is current and active.

All information below should be reviewed.

Classifications

- B - GENERAL BUILDING
- C27 - LANDSCAPING

Bonding Information

Contractor's Bond

This license filed a Contractor's Bond with HUDSON INSURANCE COMPANY.

Bond Number: 30036123

Bond Amount: \$25,000

Effective Date: 01/01/2023

Contractor's Bond History

Bond of Qualifying Individual

The qualifying individual SHARON SALOM RUBIN certified that he/she owns 10 percent or more of the voting stock/membership interest of this company; therefore, the Bond of Qualifying Individual is not required.

Effective Date: 10/08/2021

BQI's Bond History

Workers' Compensation

This license is exempt from having workers compensation insurance; they certified that they have no employees at this time.

Effective Date: 06/03/2022

Expire Date: None

Workers' Compensation History

Exhibit 2

From: Alcantar, Daysi@EnergySafety <Daysi.Alcantar@energysafety.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 4:53 PM
To: ES-PSC SCG <ES-PSCSCG@semprautilities.com>
Cc: Corsey, Jason@EnergySafety <Jason.Corsey@energysafety.ca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for damage report and photos

CAUTION! EXTERNAL SENDER STOP, ASSESS, AND VERIFY

Do you know this person? Were you expecting this email, any links or attachments? Does the content make sense? If suspicious, do not click links, open attachments, or provide credentials. Don't delete it. **Report it by using the REPORT SPAM option!**

Good afternoon,

I am requesting the damage report, photographs, and all other pertinent information related to the damage of your natural gas service line on **April 5th**, 2022, in Santa Monica, CA. The incident address is below. If you have any questions or need additional information to fulfill this request, please contact me at the number listed below. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Incident Address:	1134 17th St APT A Santa Monica 90403
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UNITED STATE OF THE ART CONSTRUCTION dba USA CONSTRUCTION
18954 STRATHERN ST RESEDA, CA 91335 Business Phone Number:(818) 424-6645
Entity Corporation
Issue Date 06/08/2018
Expire Date 06/30/2022

Thank you,

Daysi Alcantar, Supervising Investigator
Office of Energy, Underground Infrastructure Safety Directorate
715 P Street, 20th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814
Mobile: (279) 336-1769
www.EnergySafety.ca.gov

Exhibit 3

Ignore Delete Archive Reply Reply All Forward Meeting IM More

Junk Delete Respond

Move Send to OneNote Actions Move

Mark Unread Categorize Follow Up Tags

Find Related Select Editing

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RE: Request for damage report and photos

Reply
 Reply All
 Forward

Mon 5/9/2022 9:35 AM

Baires, Edwin W <EBaires2@socalgas.com>
 To Alcantar, Daysi@EnergySafety
 Cc Corsey, Jason@EnergySafety; ES-PSC SCG

You replied to this message on 5/12/2022 10:54 AM.

04-05-2022 - 1134 17th St Apt A Santa Monica Damage Report.docx .docx File	Image 7.jpg .jpg File	Image 1.PNG .PNG File	Image 2.jpg .jpg File
Image 3.jpg .jpg File	Image 4.jpg .jpg File	Image 5.jpg .jpg File	Image 6.jpg .jpg File
video.mov			

Hi Daysi,

Attached is the damage report, photos and video for this incident.

Thank you,

Edwin Baires
 Pipeline Safety & Compliance Team Lead
EBaires2@socalgas.com
 Cell: (323) 697-5809 (Please see updated cell number)
PS&C 24/7 Hotline: (213) 244-3070



From: Alcantar, Daysi@EnergySafety <Daysi.Alcantar@energysafety.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 7:59 AM
To: Baires, Edwin W <EBaires2@socalgas.com>; ES-PSC SCG <ES-PSCSCG@semprautilities.com>
Cc: Corsey, Jason@EnergySafety <Jason.Corsey@energysafety.ca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Request for damage report and photos

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Exhibit 4

EIR No. 20220405-141700

Incident Time: (24hr) 14:04

Incident Date: 4/5/2022

Incident Location:

City/County: Santa Monica/Los Angeles

Address/Location: 1134 17th St Apt A

Incident Cause: 1/2" plastic service line damaged with a saw (power tool)

Gas Equipment Affected: 1/2" plastic service

Material: Plastic Pipe size: 1/2"

MAOP: 43 MOP: 39

Dig In Information:

USA notification required: **Yes / No**

USA notified: **Yes / No** USA # USA not notified

Facilities properly marked: **Yes / No**

Name of Excavator: USA Construction

Excavator Contact Person: Shawn Rubin

Phone: 818-424-6645

On Scene:	Date	Time
Company Personnel on Scene	<u>4/5/2022</u>	<u>14:21</u>
Gas Flow Stopped	<u>4/5/2022</u>	<u>14:50</u>

Customer Outages (Quantity) 7

Summary of incident:

SoCalGas was notified of a third-party damage at 1134 17th St Apt A. The third-party contractor was installing electrical. When trenching in the yard the third-party contractor damaged a 1/2 inch service line with a saw (power tool). SoCalGas crews responded and controlled the leak. There were no injuries or fatalities resulting from this incident.

Exhibit 5

REPORT DATE:

CASE NO:

DATE/TIME OF INTERVIEW: 05/11/22, 1:00 pm

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Phone

NAME/ADDRESS OF INTERVIEWEE:

Sharon Rubin, Owner of USA Construction
18954 Strathearn St.
Reseda, CA 91335
Tel [REDACTED]

NARRATIVE:

On 05/11/22, I interviewed Sharon Rubin, Owner of USA Construction, via phone at 516-467-6848 regarding the incident located at 1134 17th St. Apt A. Santa Monica, CA 90403. Rubin indicated that the gas line was only 3" inches and, according to him, not by code, as it is usually 18" inches. He claimed there was no way he could not have hit it. Rubin added that the apartment building where the work was done was built in the 1920s, meaning it's an old building falling apart. Rubin agreed to a follow-up call on 05/13/22 at 1 pm.

On 05/13, at approximately 1:00 pm, I followed up with Rubin; also present via phone was Chief Jason Corsey. I discussed additional questions and asked Rubin why he didn't call in a ticket with DigAlert. Rubin indicated he didn't call the call center for a ticket because the job site was an apartment building but did confirm that a permit was required, which he did obtain. When asked if he was aware of Gvt Code 4216, he indicated he wasn't.

According to Rubin, he is responsible for calling in tickets for his company and indicated he obtained a permit approximately three months ago for that job, where he did electric wiring. Per Rubin, he only has one employee; the employee is Julio Rivera, who was doing the excavation the day of the incident and used a shovel (a hand tool) but no power tool. Rubin indicated that he didn't know what caused the gas line to ignite but said he did call 9-1-1, and there were no injuries. Rubin confirmed that the work was not an emergency and that the fire department came out to put the fire out. Per Rubin, the Fire Department broke the lock and wall, but he fixed it and paid out of pocket.

I asked Rubin if there had been a prior incident like this, and he responded yes, there was a similar incident, but that time, he called 811 and said it was the same type of work. When I asked him how he would prevent this from happening in the future, Rubin responded by saying that the Gas Co. needs to ensure their gas lines are protected. I asked Rubin for a second time if he used a power tool, and again, he denied having any power tool, just the shovel, and it sounded as if it bothered him.

I informed Rubin of the importance of calling the one-call center/DigAlert when it comes to excavation before the work is done and after if there is any damage. I defined exaction and reviewed with him the only exception that falls under Gov. Code 4216.8.

Rubin was on-site supervising the employee but indicated he did not know what hit and ignited the fire. Rubin called the fire department as they were upgrading panels and had to run an electric conduit 70 - 80 feet. It went down 18 inches for the line.

I reviewed the Gov't Code 4216.2(b) requirement of calling the one-call center before commencing excavation with Rubin. I also explained the exemptions and the call he needed to make after the incident since it ignited a fire, which he failed to do.

Exhibit 6

REPORT DATE:

CASE NO:

DATE/TIME OF INTERVIEW: 05/12/22

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Phone

NAME/ADDRESS OF INTERVIEWEE:

Edwin Baires, Pipeline Safety & Compliance Team Lead, SoCal Gas [REDACTED]

NARRATIVE:

On 05/12/22, I interviewed Baires regarding the residential incident at 1137 17th St., Apt A Santa Monica. Baires indicated that SoCal Gas was called out due to a gas leak at the above-mentioned residential building.

I asked Baires for pictures and a report, and he said he would email me that information. He also mentioned that Luis Robles, Damage Prevention Analyst for SoCal Gas (657) 724-9205, was the Analyst on-site as this incident unfolded and suggested I call him as he indicated Robles had a picture of what looked like a burned electric saw, and he could provide that to me.

Exhibit 7

REPORT DATE: 05/17/2022

CASE NO:

DATE/TIME OF INTERVIEW: 05/17/22

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Phone

NAME/ADDRESS OF INTERVIEWEE:

Luis Robles, Damage Prevention Analyst for SoCal Gas [REDACTED]

NARRATIVE:

On 05/17/22, I interviewed Robles regarding the residential incident at 1137 17th St. Apt A Santa Monica. Robles indicated he believes the Fire Department called SoCal Gas after the incident. Robles was on-site for approximately four hours, and the owner of USA Construction, Shawn Rubin, didn't return to the job site. Robles said he heard that Rubin had gone to the Home Depot and never returned.

I asked Robles if there were any power tools, and he indicated that one of his staff had taken a picture of an electric saw when they (SoCal Gas) cleaned out the hole to make the repair. Robles said that the electric saw most likely was what ignited the fire at the job site. Robles provided a picture of what looked like a burned saw.



Exhibit 8

REPORT DATE:

CASE NO:

DATE/TIME OF INTERVIEW: 05/18/22

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Phone

NAME/ADDRESS OF INTERVIEW:

Julio Rivera, an employee of USA Construction

NARRATIVE:

On 05/18/22, I interviewed Rivera (in Spanish) about the incident on April 05, 2022, at a residential building located at 1134 17th St., apt A. Santa Monica, CA 90403.

According to Rivera, he works for Sharon Rubin, owner of USA Construction, on and off. Rivera said the day of the incident, he was working alone, and Rubin was in the backside of the property. Rivera said he used a shovel and a saw to dig the trench of what he thought was an abandoned pipeline. Rivera stated that when cutting the "abandoned pipeline," he heard a hissing sound, which he believed was the gas line he had hit.

When I asked him if that possibly ignited the fire? He responded no as he used the shovel and said he didn't know what ignited the fire. I asked Rivera about the burned saw, and he admitted it belonged to him. He said he also used a pickax but left them both at the job site as they both burned in the fire.

I asked Rivera if he knew about DigAlert and calling in for a ticket before excavation, and he admitted he knew. Rivera said he advised Rubin to call but said Rubin was a stubborn man, and he refused to call in for a ticket. Rivera said this is not his regular job but declined to elaborate further; and said he was helping Rubin, as he usually does on a needed basis. Rivera didn't provide me with a time of employment or his job title.

Rivera said he told Rubin he would no longer help him if he didn't call first to get a ticket from the call center. Rivera said he knew about calling in to obtain a ticket but also said the gas line was not deep enough and was very shallow. He said an average person gardening and plating a plant would have hit the gas line.

Exhibit 9



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Reference No: R016639-051722

Logged in as: daysi.alcantar@energysafety.ca.gov

Thank you for your interest in public records of City of Santa Monica. Your request has been received and is being processed in accordance with the California Government Code, Section 6253(c). Your request was received in this office on **5/17/2022** and given the reference number **R016639-051722** for tracking purposes.

Your request will be forwarded to the relevant department(s) to locate the information you seek and to determine the volume and any costs associated with satisfying your request. You will be contacted within the next 10 calendar days about the availability and/or provided with copies of the records in question. PLEASE NOTE: The California Public Records Act does not require a governmental body to create new information, to do legal research, or to answer questions.

You can monitor the progress of your request in "[My Request Center](#)"

Exhibit 10

From: Alcantar, Daysi@EnergySafety <Daysi.Alcantar@energysafety.ca.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:10 PM

To: Amber Dahl <amber@digalert.org>

Subject: Damage Santa Monica April 5th 2022

Good afternoon Ms. Amber,

Below please find the incident address, date of April 5th, 2022, I am looking for a USA ticket. Please confirm.

Incident Address:	1134 17th St APT A Santa Monica 90403
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In regards to the **damage from April 5th that ignited with no USA ticket** requested, please see damaging party's info with CSLB# and incident address.

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▼ Contractor's License Detail for License # 1040424

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dba USA CONSTRUCTION

18954 STRATHERN ST
RESEDA, CA 91335
Business Phone Number:(818) 424-6645

Entity Corporation
Issue Date 06/08/2018
Expire Date 06/30/2022

Thank you for your help with this, I appreciate it.

Thank you,

Daysi Alcantar, Supervising Investigator

Office of Energy, Underground Infrastructure Safety Directorate

715 P Street, 20th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Mobile: (279) 336-1769

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Exhibit 11



Underground Service Alert

Of Southern California

May 19, 2022

Daysi Alcantar
Underground Safety Board
715 P St, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 925814

File Number: Unknown

Dear Daysi:

After searching our records from 1/1/22 through 4/5/22, we found the following DigAlert ticket(s) A220951113 for the location at 1134 17th St in Santa Monica. I hope this information will be helpful.

If we can be of further assistance, please call us at 951-808-8100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber Dahl". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amber Dahl
Safety Awareness Director

Exhibit 12



Santa Monica Fire Department
 Station: 3
 Shifts Or Platoon: C Shift

Location: 1134 17TH Santa Monica CA 90403	Incident Type: 163 - Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion
Lat/Long: N 34° 1' 46.2" W 118° 29' 13.3"	FDID: 19180 Incident #: 2022-004754 Exposure ID: 65336388 Exposure #: 0 Incident Date: 04/05/2022 Dispatch Run #: 22004754
Zone: 4 - 4 Location Type: 1 - Street address	

Report Completed by:	Connor , Jeffrey	ID: 12221	Date: 04/09/2022
Report Reviewed by:	Connor , Jeffrey	ID: 12221	Date: 04/09/2022
Report Printed by:	Hanley, Monica	ID: 10881	Date: 5/19/2022 Time: 17:28

Structure Type: Enclosed building	Property Use: 400 - Residential, other
Automatic Extinguishment System Present: <input type="checkbox"/>	Detectors Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cause of Ignition: Unintentional
Aid Given or Received: None	Primary action taken: 10 - Fire control or extinguishment, other
Additional actions: 41 - Identify, analyze hazardous materials , 64 - Shut down system	
Losses	Pre-Incident Values
Property: \$10,000.00	Property: \$7,500,000.00
Contents: \$500.00	Contents: \$10,000.00
Total: \$10,500.00	Total: \$7,510,000.00
Civilian Injuries: 0	Fire Service Injuries: 0
Civilian Fatalities: 0	Fire Service Fatalities: 0
Total Casualties: 0	Total Fire Service Casualties: 0
Total # of apparatus on call: 7	Total # of personnel on call: 23

Special Studies	
COVID 19 was a factor in this incident.	No, COVID 19 was not a factor.

Narrative from dispatch:

2022-04-05T13:58:21
 CT CT VALID: STR

2022-04-05T13:58:23
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Narrative Title: n/a

Narrative Author: Eirich, Bart

Narrative Date: 04/05/2022 15:47:54

Narrative Apparatus ID: E5

Narrative:

Staged at California and alley 16 and released by command

NARRATIVE (3)

Narrative Title: n/a

Narrative Author: Wesner, Matthew

Narrative Date: 04/05/2022 17:08:09

Narrative Apparatus ID: E4

Narrative:

Engine 4 responded to a reported structure fire. Determined enroute to be a ruptured gas line with ignited natural gas.

Upon arrival I established incident command and we initiated fire attack. I was assigned Division Charlie with Engine 3 working for me. We assisted E3 with a water supply and provided salvage and overhaul to the uninvolved structure.

NARRATIVE (4)

Narrative Title: n/a

Narrative Author: Erdmann, Robert

Narrative Date: 04/05/2022 19:26:40

Narrative Apparatus ID: T1

Narrative:

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NARRATIVE (5)

Narrative Title: n/a

Narrative Author: Erdmann, Robert

Narrative Date: 04/05/2022 19:26:52

Narrative Apparatus ID: RU1

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NARRATIVE (6)

Narrative Title: n/a

Narrative Author: Nichols, Matthew A

Narrative Date: 04/05/2022 20:07:42

Narrative Apparatus ID: E3

Narrative:

E3 arrived and was assigned to E4 Charlie Division.
E3 pulled an attack line and protected exposures.
E3 cleared after exposures were cooled to an acceptable level.

NARRATIVE (7)

Narrative Title: n/a

Narrative Author: Connor, Jeffrey

Narrative Date: 04/06/2022 01:02:05

Narrative Apparatus ID: B1

Narrative:

B1 took command.

NARRATIVE (8)**Narrative Title:** n/a**Narrative Author:** Nagao, Eric**Narrative Date:** 04/06/2022 15:06:22**Narrative Apparatus ID:** E7**Narrative:**

assisted with water supply to E4 and E3. Assigned to Div C

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Area Of Fire Origin	Outside area, other	Fire Is Confined To Object Of Origin	Spark, ember, or flame from operating equipment
Item First Ignited	Flammable liquid/gas in container or pipe	Cause Of Ignition	Unintentional
Type Of Material	Flammable or combustible liquid, other	Factor Contributing To Ignition	Factors contributing to ignition, other
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Equipment Involved In Ignition Flag	True	Equipment Portability	Stationary
Equipment Power Source	Natural gas or other lighter-than-air gas		

CUSTOM FIELDS FORM

Homeless-Related	No
Did you provide homeless services referrals? (info cards and/or Ron Hooks info)	No

Member Making Report (Battalion Chief Jeffrey Connor): _____

Incident Reviewer (Battalion Chief Jeffrey Connor): _____

Exhibit 13



Underground Service Alert

Of Southern California

May 23, 2022

Daysi Alcantar
Underground Safety Board
715 P St, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 925814

File Number: Unknown

Dear Daysi:

After searching our records from 1/1/22 through 4/5/22, we were unable to find any DigAlert tickets by USA Construction for the location at 1134 17th St in Santa Monica. I hope this information will be helpful.

If we can be of further assistance, please call us at 951-808-8100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber Dahl".

Amber Dahl
Safety Awareness Director

Exhibit 14



Shawn Rubin - USA Construction >

back as requested

Please provide me the phone number for Julio Rivera

Wed, May 18, 8:07 AM

Julio Rivera

[Mobile]

[Mobile]



Voice95message959595...

Good morning. Thank you. Have a good day!

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Wed, Aug 17, 11:58 AM

Hello please call me

Thu, Sep 8, 12:12 PM

Hello Sir can you please call me?



Text Message

