



**CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND SAFETY BOARD
INVESTIGATION DIVISION**

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Date: March 14, 2025

Case No.: N243160941

Violations:

HTA Construction & Development

Government Code § 4216.2(b): Excavating without first notifying the Regional Notification Center of intent to excavate.

Government Code § 4216.4(c)(1): Excavator failure to call 911 emergency services upon discovering or causing damage to subsurface installation resulting in the escape of flammable, toxic, or corrosive gas or liquid.

Executive Summary:

On October 07, 2024, at 1:40 p.m., HTA Construction & Development excavated without first contacting the Regional Notification Center, and with a shovel, damaged a 1 ½" plastic natural gas facility while trenching for a water service. After damaging the gas line, HTA Construction & Development contacted the operator but did not call 911 emergency services. No one was injured and no equipment, other than the natural gas facility, was damaged.

Reporting Party Information:

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

Date of Incident:

October 07, 2024

Location of the Incident:

1769 Anaheim Avenue
Costa Mesa, California 92627

Operator:

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

Excavator:

HTA Construction & Development
3639 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, California 90807

Facility Type Damaged:

1 ½" plastic natural gas facility

Investigation:

Notification of the Incident

On November 11, 2024, at 10:17 a.m., Southern California Gas Company submitted a notification of an incident to the California Underground Safety Board. The notification stated that, on October 7, 2024, in Costa Mesa a "[c]ontractor hit our line because they did not have a USA ticket". (Exh. 1.)

The case was assigned to Investigator Angel Barton (Investigator).

Identity of the Excavator, Excavation, and Damage to the Gas Line

Government Code section 4216(h) defines an excavator to be "any person, firm, contractor or subcontractor, owner, operator, utility, association, corporation, partnership, business trust, public agency, or other entity that, with their own employees or equipment, performs any excavation."

On October 7, 2024, at approximately 1:40 p.m., HTA Construction & Development damaged a gas line while digging at 1769 Anaheim Avenue, Costa Mesa, California 92627. Brady Carbajal, project manager, stated the damage occurred "while excavating around the gas line [a] shovel accidentally nicked the gas line." (Exh. 2.)

HTA Construction & Development was licensed, as of November 27, 2024, by the California Contractors State License Board, license number 1044038 with a B – General Building Classification. (Exh. 3.)

HTA Construction & Development Did Not Contact the Regional Notification Center Before Excavating

Government Code section 4216.2(b) states that an excavator planning to excavate shall 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.

HTA Construction & Development did not notify the Regional Notification Center before digging at 1769 Anaheim Avenue, Costa Mesa, California 92627, on October 7, 2024. (Exh. 2.)

On November 26, 2024, Investigator emailed Safety Awareness Director Amber Dahl of DigAlert, requesting ticket information for 1769 Anaheim Avenue, Costa Mesa, California 92627, for September 7, 2024, through October 25, 2024. (Exh. 4.)

Dahl responded on November 27, 2024, confirming that a ticket did not exist for 1769 Anaheim Avenue, Costa Mesa, California 92627 from September 7, 2024, through October 25, 2024. (Exh. 5.)

HTA Construction & Development Did Not Call 911 Emergency Services After Damaging the Line

Government Code section 4216.4(c)(1) states an excavator shall call 911 emergency services upon discovering or causing damage to a gas or hazardous liquid pipeline subsurface installation in which the damage results in the escape of any flammable, toxic, or corrosive gas or liquid.

On October 7, 2024, at approximately 1:40 p.m., while using a shovel, HTA Construction & Development damaged a 1 ½” plastic natural gas facility. The damage caused gas to leak but no one with HTA Construction & Development called 911 to report it. (Exh. 2.)

Findings:

1. On October 7, 2024, at 1769 Anaheim Avenue, Costa Mesa, California 92627, HTA Construction & Development dug with a shovel and damaged a gas line without first contacting the Regional Notification Center.
2. After damaging the line, HTA Construction & Development failed to call 911 emergency services to report the damage.

Investigator	Supervisor
Angel Barton	Daysi Alcantar
Signature	Signature
/s/ Angel Barton	/s/ Daysi Alcantar

Exhibit List:

Exhibit No.	Description	Date	Received From
1.	Incident Report submitted to the Underground Safety Board	Received on 11/11/2024	Southern California Gas Company
2.	Board's Investigation Questionnaire responses from Project Manager Brady Carbajal, HTA Construction & Development	Received on 12/10/2024	
3.	Contractor's License Detail for License No. 1044038 obtained from the Contractors State License Board website	Downloaded on 11/27/2024	California Contractors State License Board website at https://www.cslb.ca.gov/online services/checklicense/checklicense.aspx
4.	Investigator's email to DigAlert requesting ticket information on the underlying job to this incident	Emailed on 11/26/2024	
5.	Email from DigAlert stating there was no valid ticket for the underlying job to this incident	Received on 11/27/2024	Safety Awareness Director Amber Dahl DigAlert

Exhibit 1

No-Ticket Damage Reporting Form

Submitted: November 11, 2024 10:17 AM

Reporter Information

Provide the names, titles, phone numbers, and email addresses of all individuals who are involved in reporting this damage or contributing to the answers to these questions

Full Name

Jennifer Duprey

Title

Damage Prevention Analyst

Phone Number

949-280-6576

E-mail address

Jlduprey@socalgas.com

Company

Provide the name, address, phone number, email address, and, if applicable, the Regional Notification Center (member code for your company).

Company Name

So Cal Gas

Address

555 W. 5th St., Los Angeles , 90013

Phone Number

877-238-0092

Email Address

SCGDamagePrevention@socalgas.com

Regional Notification Center member code

Other Contacts

Is the photographer same as the primary reporter named above?

Incident Information

What was the date and approximate time of the incident?

October 7, 2024 1:40 PM

What is the address where your facility was damaged on 10/7/2024?

Damage Street Address

1769 Anaheim Ave

Damage County

Orange

Damage City

Costa Mesa

Damage Cross Street 1

17th

Damage Cross Street 2

18th

Other Damage location description

Does So Cal Gas own, operate or maintain the facility damaged on 10/7/2024?

Yes

What type of excavation did you observe on 10/7/2024 at that address?

Other

Describe the excavation activity you identified.

trenching for water service

What excavation companies did you observe on 10/7/2024?

Company Name

HTA CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT

Company Address

3639 ATLANTIC AVE, Long Beach , 90807

Phone Number

714-390-7237

Email Address

BRADY@HTACONSTRUCTION.COM

Did this company damage the facility?

Yes

Provide the name, title, phone number, and email address for at least one contact for each excavation company working at or near incident address on date of incident. If you have more than one contact, please provide all of them. Email addresses are required for submission of this form.

Personnel Name

Brady Carbajal

Title

Special Projects Director

Phone Number

714-390-7237

Email Address

BRADY@HTACONSTRUCTION.COM

Notification Details

Was So Cal Gas notified of the proposed excavation by the Regional Notification Center before 10/7/2024?

No

What date and time did you learn of the damage to the facility?

October 7, 2024 1:47 PM

How did So Cal Gas learn of the damage to the facility?

Brady Carbajal Called in the damage

Facility Damaged

What kind of facility was damaged on 10/7/2024?

Natural Gas

Natural Gas

What type of material was the damaged facility?

Plastic

Facility diameter (inches)?

1.5

Incident Details

What kinds of excavation equipment did you observe at the location of the damaged facility?

Shovel

Do you know what equipment damaged the facility?

Yes

What equipment damaged the facility?

Shovel

What information are you relying on regarding damage to the facility?

Interview with excavator

Did So Cal Gas contact the Regional Notification Center before repairing the damaged facility?

No

Provide any other relevant information about the damage on 10/7/2024.

Contractor hit our line because they did not have a USA ticket

Damages

Were there any injuries to any personnel or bystanders due to the damage to your facility on 10/7/2024?

No

Was any property damaged other than the damaged facility?

No

Was there a fire caused by this damage on 10/7/2024?

No

Was there an evacuation of any nearby homes or businesses caused by this damage on 10/7/2024?

No

Provide an estimate of the number of your customers whose service was interrupted by this damage on 10/7/2024.

0

Conclusions

What date and time were repairs completed to the damaged facility?

October 7, 2024 2:03 PM

Please explain why you think the facility was damaged on 10/7/2024?
Contractor hit our line because they did not have a USA ticket

Is there any other information which you feel is important to share about this incident?

Not counting your answers to these questions, did So Cal Gas create an investigatory or incident report pertaining to the damage on 10/7/2024?
Yes

Please attach investigatory or incident report here.
USB Damage Report Form Ana.docx, 0.03MB

Have your answers to these questions and or the documents you are sending today been reviewed, changed or amended by anyone?
No

Files

Please attach all Facility Repair Orders.

Please attach all Photos.

Additional Records

Reference Number

N243160941

Incident Time: (24hr) 13:40pm

Incident Date: 10-07-2024

Incident Location:

City/County: Costa Mesa/Orange

Address/Location: 1769 Anaheim Ave

Incident Cause: Shovel

Gas Equipment Affected: Service

Material: plastic Pipe size: 1 / 2

Dig In Information:

USA notification required: **Yes / No**

USA notified: **Yes / No** USA #

Facilities properly marked: **Yes / No**

Name of Excavator: HTA CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT

Excavator Contact Person: Brady Carbajal

Phone: 714-390-7237

On Scene:	Date	Time
Company Personnel on Scene	<u>10/07/2024</u>	<u>14:08pm</u>
Gas Flow Stopped	<u>10/07/2024</u>	<u>15:00pm</u>

Customer Outages (Quantity) 0

Summary of incident:

Damaged 1/2" cts service while digging for new water line. No USA

Exhibit 2

No-Ticket Damage Reporting Form

Submitted Time: December 10, 2024 7:32 PM

Provide your name, title, phone number, and email address

Name

Brady10

Title

Project Manager

Phone Number

714-390-7237

Email Address

brady@htaconstruction.com

Please provide the identifying information for HTA CONSTRUCTION in general.

California Contractor's State License Board (CSLB) license

1044038

Physical Address

3639 Atlantic Ave, Long Beach CA 90807

Mailing Address

3639 Atlantic Ave, Long Beach CA 90807

Phone Number

714-390-7237

Email Address

brady@htaconstruction.com

Did HTA CONSTRUCTION damage the NaturalGas facility while excavating at 1769 Anaheim Ave , Costa Mesa on the 10/7/2024? (Select One)

Yes

Were there any other companies at or near 1769 Anaheim Ave , Costa Mesa on 10/7/2024? (Select One)

No

Did someone in HTA CONSTRUCTION, or anyone else, contact the Regional Notification Center on 10/7/2024?

Yes

Provide the number or numbers of the 811 ticket(s) created by the Regional Notification Center.

na

What is the 811-ticket created date(s) for each 811 ticket(s)?

December 10, 2024

Did HTA CONSTRUCTION, or anyone else, delineate the area where the damage occurred?

Yes

How did you, or anyone else, delineate the area?

White Paint

Please provide the name, title, phone, and email address of the person who delineated the area?

Name

Brady Carbajal

Title

Project Manager

Phone Number

714-390-7237

Email Address

brady@htaconstruction.com

Did So Cal Gas respond after the Regional Notification Center created the 811 ticket?

No

The damage notification indicated that a facility was damaged at 1769 Anaheim Ave , Costa Mesa on 10/7/2024. Is that correct?

Yes

Was HTA CONSTRUCTION the prime contractor on the project at 1769 Anaheim Ave , Costa Mesa on 10/7/2024?

Yes

What was mentioned or what direction did the prime contractor provide to you?

Provide the names, phone numbers, and if applicable, their email address for all your personnel who were at 1769 Anaheim Ave , Costa Mesa when the facility was damaged.

Name

Brady Carbajal

Title

Project Manager

Phone Number

714-390-7237

Email Address

brady@htaconstruction.com

Add an additional individual?

No

Which one of the individuals you identified was the foreman on the project when the facility was damaged?

Brady Carbajal

Facility Damage

Was a facility damaged on 10/7/2024?

Yes

Describe the damaged facility.

minor cut or damage on a gas pipe

Identify the type of material damaged.

1/2" to 3/4 rubber gas line

Explain how the facility was damaged?

while excavating around the gas line shovel accidentally nicked the gas line

What equipment did HTA CONSTRUCTION use on 10/7/2024? (Select All That Are Applicable)

Shovel

What type of equipment damaged the facility?

Shovel

Who was operating the equipment that damaged the facility on 10/7/2024?

Brady Carbajal

Does HTA CONSTRUCTION own that equipment?

Yes

Emergency Response

How did HTA CONSTRUCTION learn that the So Cal Gas facility was damaged on 10/7/2024?

On site foreman reported damage

Did anyone with HTA CONSTRUCTION call 911 on 10/7/2024 after the damage had occurred?

No

Was there an emergency response to the incident from the fire department, a law enforcement department, or an ambulance on 10/7/2024?

No

Were there any injuries to any personnel or bystanders on 10/7/2024?

No

Were there any fatalities on 10/7/2024 or afterwards, due to the damage at 1769 Anaheim Ave , Costa Mesa?

No

Was there property damage on 10/7/2024, excluding the facility damage?

No

Was there a fire on 10/7/2024 as a result of the damage to the facility?

No

Was there an evacuation of any homes or businesses on 10/7/2024 as a result of the damage to the facility?

No

Are you aware of anyone else that called 911?

No

Did anyone at HTA CONSTRUCTION contact the Regional Notification Center after the damage on 10/7/2024?

No

Did anyone at HTA CONSTRUCTION contact So Cal Gas after the damage?

Yes

Who at HTA CONSTRUCTION contacted the So Cal Gas?

Brady Carbajal

What is the name of the person at the So Cal Gas contacted by the individual you identified above?

na

What steps, if any, have HTA CONSTRUCTION taken to prevent a similar damage in the future?
confirm 811 was contacted

Is there any other information you want to share about this damage?

During the repair to the facility the representative of SoCal gas broke a water line entering the property ..

Exhibit 3



CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD

▼ Contractor's License Detail for License # 1044038

DISCLAIMER: A license status check provides information taken from the CSLB license database. Before relying on this information, you should be aware of the following limitations.

- ▶ CSLB complaint disclosure is restricted by law ([B&P 7124.6](#)) If this entity is subject to public complaint disclosure click on link that will appear below for more information. Click [here](#) for a definition of disclosable actions.
- ▶ Only construction related civil judgments reported to CSLB are disclosed ([B&P 7071.17](#)).
- ▶ Arbitrations are not listed unless the contractor fails to comply with the terms.
- ▶ Due to workload, there may be relevant information that has not yet been entered into the board's license database.

Data current as of 11/27/2024 1:46:09 PM

Business Information

HTA CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT
3639 ATLANTIC AVE
LONG BEACH, CA 90807
Business Phone Number:(562) 477-9849

Entity Corporation
Issue Date 09/07/2018
Expire Date **09/30/2026**

License Status

This license is current and active.

All information below should be reviewed.

Classifications

B - GENERAL BUILDING

Bonding Information

Contractor's Bond

This license filed a Contractor's Bond with [HUDSON INSURANCE COMPANY](#).

Bond Number: 30029976

Bond Amount: \$25,000

Effective Date: 01/01/2023

[Contractor's Bond History](#)

Bond of Qualifying Individual

The qualifying individual LOUIS STEVEN PARADA JR 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: 12/13/2023

Workers' Compensation

This license has workers compensation insurance with the [STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND](#)

Policy Number:9241817

Effective Date: 11/21/2018

Expire Date: 11/21/2025

[Workers' Compensation History](#)

Workers' compensation classification code(s):

5606 - Contractors-executive level supervisors

8810 - Clerical Office Employees

For a description of the workers' compensation classification code(s) listed for this licensee, contact the licensee's insurance carrier. Contact information for the licensee's insurer is available by clicking the insurer link above. Classification codes are also available on the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau's classification search page.

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Other

- ▶ Personnel listed on this license (current or disassociated) are listed on other licenses.

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Exhibit 4

Barton, Angel@EnergySafety

From: Barton, Angel@EnergySafety
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 2:25 PM
To: amber@digalert.org
Cc: Alcantar, Daysi@EnergySafety
Subject: 811 ticket request N243160941

Good afternoon Amber,

Please provide a copy of all tickets, revisions, and electronic positive responses at about 1769 Anaheim Avenue in Costa Mesa California, from cross-streets 17th street to 18th street, for September 07, 2024, to October 25, 2024.

If there is not a ticket at this location for any of these dates, please confirm that finding.

Cordially,

Angel Barton

Investigator

Underground Infrastructure Directorate

Phone: (916) 216-0251

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Exhibit 5

Barton, Angel@EnergySafety

From: Amber Dahl <amber@digalert.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 12:02 PM
To: Barton, Angel@EnergySafety
Subject: File N243160941
Attachments: N243160941.pdf

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Thank you,



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Underground Service Alert

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November 27, 2024

Angel Barton
Underground Safety Board

File Number: N243160941

Dear Angel,

After searching our records from 9/7/24 through 10/25/24, we were unable to find any DigAlert tickets for the location at or near 1769 Anaheim Ave x/st 17th in Costa Mesa. I hope this information will be helpful.

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

Sincerely,

Amber Dahl
Safety Awareness Director