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July 6, 2022

Non-DOT completed in Q2-2022

Mr. Rodger Schwecke
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Dear Mr. Schwecke:

SUBJECT: Notice of Non-DOT Gas Incident Violation for Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) submits the following Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) for Non-DOT reportable incident investigations completed in Q2 of 2022. This letter serves as notification to you that as a result of our investigations, in each incident, SED found SoCalGas in violation of the following:

1. G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.614(c)(5) states:

*“(c) The damage prevention program required by paragraph (a) of this section must, at a minimum:
(5) Provide for temporary marking of buried pipelines in the area of excavation activity before, as far as practical, the activity begins.”*

The summary of the identified violation is listed in Attachment A of this letter. Please provide a written response within 30 days of receipt of this letter indicating the measures taken by SoCalGas to address the violation noted in the “Attachment A” of this letter.

Thank you for cooperation in this investigation. If you have any questions, please contact M. Mohammad Ali, Senior Utilities Engineer (Supervisor) at (916) 928-2109 or by email at ma5@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mahmoud Intably".

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Attachment: See Attachment A
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Attachment A
Non-DOT Gas Incidents with Probable Violations

PUC ID	Date	Address	Utility	Third Party Entity	Investigative Finding	Code Violation(s)
G20220325-3361	3/25/2022	2040 E. Joyce Dr., Palm Spring, CA, County: Riverside	SoCalGas	Media Communications Company	<p>On March 25, 2022, at about 1515 hours, a third-party contractor, Media Communications Company struck SoCalGas' 2-inch plastic gas main and a ½-inch plastic service line with a wheel trencher while installing underground communication lines. This resulted in release of natural gas into the atmosphere, service interruption, and damage to the gas lines. There were no injuries, fatalities, or third-party damage reported as the result of this incident. This incident was reported to the CPUC due to release of natural gas and major media coverage. SED's investigation found that the incident was caused by SoCalGas failing to locate and field mark its subsurface installations (2-inch plastic gas main and ½-inch plastic gas service line) within the area of excavation activity before the start of excavation. Therefore, SED found SoCalGas in violation of G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, § 192.614(c)(5).</p>	G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.614(c)(5).

G20220208-3337	2/8/2022	2213 Florida St, Huntington Beach, CA, Orange County	SoCalGas	Nobest Inc.	On February 8, 2022, at approximately 1655 hours, a third-party contractor, Nobest Inc. struck a SoCalGas 2-inch steel gas main with a backhoe. This incident resulted in a release of natural gas, damage to the gas main, and a service interruption. SED's investigation found that the incident was caused by SoCalGas failing to locate and field mark its subsurface installation (2-inch steel gas main) within the area of excavation activity before the start of excavation. Therefore, SED found SoCalGas in violation of G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.614(c)(5).	G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.614(c)(5).
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