

question of where the work is to be performed, it should be resolved before any stakes or markings are placed.”

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS: Staff found that the Operator failed to locate and mark their natural gas facilities which were located within the scope of UPC locate request number 08088-262-004.

- 2) Staff determined that the Operator failed to identify and mark their facilities as required by their procedures in Division II, Section 3.12, (Abandoned Gas Facilities) which states:

“For purpose of locating gas facilities in the State of Georgia and Virginia, the Company or its contractor will attempt to locate and mark an abandoned gas facility or provide information to the excavator regarding such facility should the presence of an abandoned gas facility within an excavation site be known. For this purpose, an abandoned gas facility is identified as a gas facility taken out of service on or after January 1, 2001 in Georgia and July 1, 2002 in Virginia. In Virginia, service lines connected to a single family dwelling unit are excluded.

Where gas facilities are abandoned in place and not removed, the Company shall maintain records or a data base concerning the location and other characteristics of the abandoned gas facilities. When located or exposed, the excavator shall treat all abandoned facilities as a live facility. At no time shall an excavator remove an abandoned gas facility without first receiving authorization to do so by the Company.”

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS: Staff determined that the Operator failed to locate their abandoned natural gas facility at 107 Courtland Ave., which was within the scope of UPC locate request numbers 08088-262-004 and 08088-262-005.

PROBABLE VIOLATION: AGLC failed to follow their procedures required under §192.605(a) for conducting their damage prevention program required under §192.614.

- b) 49CFR §192.615 (a) - Each operator shall establish written procedures to minimize the hazard resulting from a gas pipeline emergency. At a minimum, the procedures must provide for the following:
- (3) Prompt and effective response to a notice of each type of emergency, including the following:
- (i) Gas detected inside or near a building.

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS: Staff found that the Operators Emergency Response Procedures found in OPM Division II Section 22.3.7 (Visible Leaks or Third Party Damages) states:

“If the leak location is visible, the following steps should be taken to control the flow of gas and protect the public:

- (a) The Company IC will ensure that the flow of gas is stopped using valves, plugs, squeeze-off equipment, etc. All Company procedures shall be followed to ensure that Company personnel and the general public are not endangered. All vehicles and non-essential responders should be kept a safe distance from the site.