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**Subject:** New One Call Complaint Form  
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### **1. Action Requested By:**

**Complaint filed on behalf of or by:** Kimball School District  
**Contact Person:** Sheri Hardman  
**Phone:** 605-778-6231 **Ext:**  
**Street Address or PO Box:** PO Box 479  
**City:** Kimball  
**State:** SD  
**Zip:** 57355  
**Fax:** 605-778-6393  
**Email Address:** sheri.hardman@k12.sd.us  
**Date:** 12/17/2013

### **2. Action Requested Against:**

**Name of excavator / facility operator:** Konechne Digging - Maynard Konechne  
**Phone:** 605-778-6939 **Ext:**  
**Street Address Or PO Box:** PO Box 326  
**City:** Kimball  
**State:** SD  
**Zip:** 57355  
**Fax:** --  
**Email Address:**

**Is this party aware of your allegations?:** Yes

**Provide detail including whom you spoke with:** After we had found the leak and had clean up personnel on site, I spoke with Maynard to let him know that the fuel leak was caused by broken pipes that looked to be hit when he was digging to install the propane line. He is the one that dug out the area to install the propane line.

### **3. Basic Facts:**

**Street Address / location of alleged violation:** 300 S East St  
**City:** Kimball

**State:** SD

**Date of alleged violation:** 08/14/2013

**Time of alleged violation:** 9:00 a.m.

**Describe your allegation:** In mid August, Maynard Konechne was digging a propane line for the construction project that the school was having done and in doing so hit the fuel lines below the propane line causing severe damage to all four pipes. When we turned on the heat in October, 700 gallons of diesel fuel leaked into the ground before we caught the leak.

**Do you believe the alleged violation to be intentional?:** No

**Why or why not?:** I do not believe that Maynard intentionally hit the fuel lines. I believe that when he was digging out the area to install the propane line back in August, he hit the fuel lines causing damage that resulted in a leak and noticed when the heat was turned on in October.

#### **4. Excavation / Locate Information:**

**Was a locate requested from SD One Call?:** No

**If a locate was requested:**

**Locate ticket #:**

**Start date and time on ticket:**

**Did the excavator wait until the start date / time on the ticket before commencing excavation?:** No

**If no, when did excavation begin (date and time)?:** 08/14/2013

**Did the excavator maintain a minimum horizontal clearance of 18 inches between a marked facility and mechanical equipment?:** NA

**Explain:** An 811 call was not made on this dig.

**Were buried facilities exposed by hand or non-invasive equipment prior to excavation?:** No

**Were facilities marked?:** No

**Was the marking complete prior to the start time on the ticket?:**

**Did the excavator pre-mark with white paint?:**

**Was the facility marked accurately (within 18 inches)?:**

**Did the excavator use reasonable care to maintain locate marks for the life of project?:**

**Type of facility involved:** Public School

**Operator of facility (if known):**

**Operator address (Street or PO Box):**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone: --**

**Depth of Cover:**

**Pressure:**

**Voltage:**

**# of cable pairs:**

#### **5. Damages**

**Was the facility damaged?:** Yes

**If yes, provide detail and an estimate of damage:** While digging a propane line for the school district, Maynard damaged fuel pipes which caused a 700 gallon fuel leak to occur at the Kimball School. We were required to contact numerous entities to help with location of the leak and clean up of the fuel that was lost due to the leak. We don't have a total cost of clean up and repair right now but an estimated cost on the project with the proposals that we received we are looking at a total cost of about \$87,000. 700 gallons of fuel @ \$3.11 gallon - \$2177 Geo Tek (environmental quality) - \$10,000 (estimate) Sioux Equipment (repair of pipes) -

\$36,955 Blasius Construction (concrete work)- \$450 Carroll Priebe Construction (clearing dirt)- \$300 Wayne Walker Excavating - \$10,423.04 Tri-County Landfill (Disposal of contamination) - \$2634.61 Feimer Excavating - \$10,566 Krohmer Plumbing - \$4472 Howe Electric - \$3919 Gil Haugan Construction (concrete work) - \$5068

**Were damages on public right of way or private property?:** Private

**Was anyone injured as a result of facility damage?:** No

**If yes, provide detail:**

**Length of hospitalization:**

**Were there fatalities?:** No

**If yes, provide detail:**

**Was operator service affected?:** Yes

**If yes, provide detail (how many customers for how long):** The school did not have heat for three days and had to have temporary heat installed over a weekend so that we would be able to heat the school until the pipes were fixed five week later at the end of November.

**Other information regarding injuries or damages:** Along with the repair of the pipes, the Kimball School has had the expense of cleaning up and replacing the 700 gallons of fuel that had leaked out of the broken pipes into the ground. With an environmental spill such as this, we are required to take certain steps in the clean up of all the gravel that was contaminated which is added work and cost.

## **6. Statutory Violation**

**Specific statute(s) or rule(s) you believe were violated:** SDCL 49-7A-5

**Other information to support your position:**