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On June 25th 2026, just after 20:00 hours, our BEK staff did strike a 12 inch high pressure MDU gas line. This particular line had been potholed and located numerous times by our staff and they were well aware of the location of said line.

Our staff had been working around this line for over four weeks and had been successfully and safely navigating this line for the entirety of that time.

On the date in question, significant rainfall was expected the following day, so staff worked later into the evening, trying to navigate and repair a soft spot in the roadway, with the expectation that gravel could and would be installed the next day to avoid further degradation to the roadway.

It is our determination that fatigue and operator error was likely the root cause of this incident. Our company has since taken and instituted several measures to avoid instances like this in the future. A couple of these measures include capping the number of hours worked on a daily basis, reducing hours worked on days of extreme heat, increased supervision and spotting methods, as well as an improved method of marking utilities during the excavation process.

We at BEK Consulting are taking this situation with the utmost seriousness. We are well aware of both what happened and what could have happened in this scenario and we are striving to improve the way we do business, for both the safety of our staff and for the safety of the public in general.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to reach out with any further questions or comments in regard to this or any other matters.

Corey Lee

Safety Director