

## **Appendix M**

Calvin Vanderpol, IMCO – Interview Notes

Pipeline Rupture and Fire  
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Bellingham, Washington  
DCA-99-MP-008

Interview Notes  
Calvin Vanderpol  
IMCO General Construction, Inc.  
October 18, 1999

- Calvin was the primary operator for IMCO for the big piping and pump station installation.
- He didn't think he exposed the Olympic line when digging for the 72" waterline. Thought that he went over the top of it.
- He doesn't remember ever exposing Olympic's pipeline, but he knew that it got exposed after he had left to work on other projects.
- Other operators included Bret Lukas and Mike Vanderpol. Mike is still with IMCO and Bret is with another construction company in Bellingham.
- Whenever he was close to Olympic's line, an Olympic inspector was on-site. He remembers Kevin Wittmer being out there. He had gone to school with Kevin and had talked to him after the accident. Kevin told him he had nothing to worry about since he stayed at least 3 feet away. Kevin could not reach the pipeline with his probe, so it was at least 3 feet deeper.
- He doesn't think he dug out the 24" tie-in and he wasn't there to dig out the northern line crossing.
- Thinks he saw Olympic's line on the north end where they went under, but doesn't recall anything out of the ordinary.
- No one has said anything to him about Olympic's line being hit.
- Had to break out rock to install the pump station. Used a 792 hoe with a hydraulic jack hammer attached.
- He's sure the line was marked and that Olympic was called whenever they were working near the line.
- Greg Burress and/or Paul Krackenburg were supervisors on the project.
- Can't think of anything else that might help us with the investigation.

These notes of the telephone interview were recorded by Allan Beshore, IIC.