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**From:** Souza, Kevin P. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2019 10:36 AM  
**To:** Colletti Alexandria  
**Cc:** Cowsert, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: Question regarding your interview - PLD19FR001

Good Morning Alex,

Thank you for reaching out. This was an assumption based off of how much water was in the hole and in our line. It was confirmed that the water source was all from the fire hoses. There was no damage to a water line in that area.

Kevin

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**From:** Colletti Alexandria [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Souza, Kevin P. [REDACTED]  
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Good morning Kevin,

During my review of your interview transcript, I noted that on page 28, while you were discussing obstacles encountered during the purge process, you mentioned a broken water main. Can you please elaborate on that event? Was a water main broken in the same trench where the line strike occurred? Do you have any details on the line (diameter, age, material) that your team recorded during the repair? I am assuming the Dept of Public Works or the Water Department came and made repairs while you were doing your own repairs? I'd appreciate any additional details you can provide related to this water main. Here's the text I'm talking about below.

We had purge points that we went to, and first one we went to was full of water. Had -- it might as well have been on a water main. There was nothing but water coming out of this line. That was because once pressure died in our line, that open hole that was -- it was an open hole in the 4-inch, all of the water that the fire department had been spraying, and they also, I believe, hit a water line. The contractor when they hit us, broke a water line. Our line just started filling up with water. So we were in for the long haul.

Thank you,  
Alex

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