

June 28, 1972

Mr. Frank T. Bahniuk
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4 Irving Place
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Dear Mr. Bahniuk:

This is in response to your letter dated June 2, 1972, regarding the leak of April 13, 1972, at 853 Cauldwell Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Your interpretation that treatment of superficial burns in the emergency ward of a hospital does not constitute hospitalization is correct. This office interprets "hospitalization" to mean to be admitted into a hospital as a patient. Since the worker was only a patient in the emergency ward of the hospital, this incident is exempted from being reported.

Similarly, if a leak occurred solely as a result of or in connection with planned or routine maintenance or construction, you need not give notice of the leak that met only the criteria of subparagraph (2) or (3) of Section 191.5(a).

Therefore, you need not report this incident to our office. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Caldwell
Director
Office of Pipeline Safety