

December 7, 1972

Mr. C. Edward Wolfe
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Dear Mr. Wolfe:

This is in response to your letter of November 8, 1972, in which you ask whether there are any Federal regulations licenses, or inspections that would be applicable to a private pipeline from Bakersfield to Trona, California, carrying carbon dioxide in vapor form at roughly 100 psi.

Insofar as the Department of Transportation is concerned, there are no regulations applicable to pipelines carrying dry gaseous or liquefied carbon dioxide. In the absence of regulations, no Departmental licenses or inspections are required. However, should the carbon dioxide contain any impurities, or be in a condition which would make it flammable, toxic, or corrosive, then the pipeline would be subject to the regulations contained in 49 CFR Part 192.

As you have requested, enclosed are copies of the DOT pipeline safety regulations. These are in three parts, 49 CFR Parts 191, 192, and 195. Although your proposed line does not appear to be subject to these regulations, the question whether the engineering standards contained in the regulations might be applicable to the design and construction of your line is a matter for your decision.

If we may be of further assistance in this matter, please advise.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Caldwell
Director
Office of Pipeline Safety