

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 22, 1997

Mr. Dick Walker
President
Centra Gas Ontario Inc.
245 Yorkland Blvd.
North York, Ont M2J1R1

CPF No. 37125M

Dear Mr. Walker:

On July 22-24, 1997, representatives of the Department of Public Safety, State of Minnesota, acting as an agent for interstate pipelines for the Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, conducted an onsite pipeline safety inspection of Centra's facilities near Rainy River at the Centra compressor station and records at New York, Ontario, Canada.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that you have committed a probable violation, as noted below, of pipeline safety regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 192.

The item inspected and the probable violation is:

1. § 192.605(b) Procedural Manual for Operations, Maintenance, and Emergencies

Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for conducting operations and maintenance activities and emergency response.

The review of the Company's O&M manual revealed that the manual did not address the following item:

Centra's procedures did not address the establishment of maximum allowable operating pressures (MAOPs) as required by § 192.619. The O&M indicates the Company's MAOP's, which are commensurate with the class locations that the pipeline

traverses. However, procedures for establishing the MAOP's were not in the plan. The Company should develop these procedures in accordance with Part 192, as well as address the record keeping requirements and personnel responsibilities.

When it is found that an operator's procedures are inadequate, 49 C.F.R. § 190.237 provides that the operator, after notice and opportunity for hearing, may be required to amend its plans and procedures and the response options as prescribed under § 190.237. The operator is allowed thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice to submit written comments or request a hearing. After considering the material presented, the Office of Pipeline Safety is required to notify the operator of the required amendment or withdraw the notice proposing the amendment. If you do not desire to contest the notice, please provide the revised procedures within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice.

Sincerely,

Ivan A. Huntoon
Director, Central Region
Office of Pipeline Safety