

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 26, 1999

Mr. Steve Smith
City Manager
City of Coalinga
155 W. Durian Avenue
Coalinga, CA 93210

CPF No. 58004M

Dear Mr. Smith:

On April 22-24, 1997, a representative of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) acting as an agent, for the inspection of municipal natural gas distribution systems within the State of California, for the Western Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, pursuant to Section 60106(a) of Title 49, United States Code, conducted an onsite pipeline safety inspection of your pipeline facilities and records at Coalinga, California.

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

The probable violations are:

1) §192.605 Essentials of operating and maintenance plan.

§192.605(b)(1) requires written procedures for operating, maintaining, and repairing the pipeline in accordance with each of the requirements of this subpart and subpart M of this part.

At the time of the inspection Coalinga's procedures did not substantially address the following: 1) requirements of §192.619 which establishes the maximum allowable operating pressure for steel and plastic pipelines. 2) procedure 9.01, sections 5.6.5 and 5.7 need to indicate pressures and time intervals for testing per §192.509, §192.511, and §192.513. 3) procedures need to include provisions for examination of buried pipelines when exposed as required by §192.459. 4) procedures need to include provisions for the patrolling of pipelines as required by §192.721.

As provided in 49 CFR §190.237, this Notice serves as your notification that this office considers your procedures/plans inadequate.

Under 49 C.F.R. §190.237 you have a right to submit written comments or request an informal hearing. You must submit written comments or a request for a hearing within 30 days after receipt of this Notice. If you do not wish to contest this Notice of Amendment, you may provide your revised procedures within 30 days of receipt of this notice. After reviewing the record, the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety will determine whether your plans or procedures are adequate. The criteria used in making this determination are outlined in 49 C.F.R. §190.237.

Please refer to **CPF No. 58004M** on any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Ondak
Director

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