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Dear Mr. Farah:

Thank you for your letter of March 11, 1980, in which you requested clarification of Section 192.1, regarding the applicability of Part 192 to gas gathering lines outside of city limits. In a phone conversation of April 11, 1980, you stated that you were particularly interest in knowing if a gas gathering line located in a populated area, as defined in Section 192.1(b)(2)(ii), would be covered by the requirements of Part 192, if the area was outside of city limits.

Enclosed is an interpretation of Section 192.1, which I hope will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

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Materials Transportation Bureau

Enclosure

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**PIPELINE**  
**SAFETY REGULATORY INTERPRETATION**

**NOTE:**

**A pipeline safety regulatory interpretation applies a particular rule to a particular set of facts and circumstances, and, as such, may be relied upon only by those persons to whom the interpretation is specifically addressed.**

**SECTION:** 192.1, Scope

**SUBJECT:** Applicability of Part 192 to onshore gas gathering lines outside of city limits.

**FACTS:** None.

**Question:** Are onshore gas gathering lines that are located in a residential or commercial area which is outside the limits of a city, town, or village subject to the Federal Standards?

**Interpretation:** Section 192.1(b)(2) restates the exception under the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1671 et. seq.), from Federal Safety Standards for onshore gas gathering lines located in rural areas.

Under Section 192.1(b)(2), Part 192 does not apply to onshore gathering of gas outside of the following areas:

(i) An area within the limits of any incorporated or unincorporated city, town, or village

(ii) Any designated residential or commercial area such as a subdivision, business or shopping center, or community development.

Sub-paragraph (ii) is intended to apply independently of subparagraph (i) because if only gathering lines inside city, town, or village limits were intended to be covered by Part 192, subdivision (ii) would be unnecessary.

Therefore, gas gathering lines which lie within a residential or commercial area, like those listed in section 192.1(b)(2)(ii), are subject to the requirements of Part 192, even though the area is outside the limits of any city, town, or village.

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