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Dear Mr. Craig:

Your August 14, 1974, letter to Mr. J.C. Thomas of the Transportation Safety Institute, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has been forwarded to this Office for response.

You mention a previous request for a waiver dated November 16, 1972, which was denied by this Office in a letter of January 2, 1973. Your waiver request was denied because this Office was evaluating a petition of rule making action from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers concerning limitations on plastic pipe operating temperatures and design factors. The study is still in progress.

There have been several manufacturers that are actively marketing service riser assemblies that are claimed to meet the requirements of Part 192 concerning the temperature restrictions on plastic pipe and cathodic protection provided they are properly installed. As a matter of policy, the Office of Pipeline Safety does not endorse and proprietary items, but holds the operator responsible for compliance with the regulations. If a gas operator can assure that the requirements of Part 192 are complied with, then the material may be used.

Thank you for your interest in pipeline safety. We trust that this answers your problem. If there is further question on this matter, we will be happy to clarify further.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Caldwell  
Director  
Office of Pipeline Safety