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Dear Mr. Buck:

In your letter of November 19, 1975, you ask whether 49 CFR 192.145(d) applies to a ball valve with a steel shell and ductile iron ball.

Section 192.145(d) provides that;

"No valve having pressure containing parts made of ductile iron may be used in the gas pipe components of compressor stations."

Assuming that the ball is the only part of the valve made from ductile iron, Section 192.145(d) would not apply because the ball is not a part which contains the gas pressure in the valve.

We trust this satisfactorily responds to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Cesar DeLeon
Acting Director
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Safety Operations