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Mr. Thomas Steinbauer
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Dear Mr. Steinbauer;

Your letter of February 22, 1979, asks whether 42-inch spiral welded steel pipe that is cold expanded and manufactured to API-5LS (9th edition) may be used under 49 CFR Part 192.

Part 192 incorporates by reference the 9th edition of API-5LS as a pipe manufacturing requirement. This edition is silent regarding the use of cold expanded pipe. However, Section 192.55(e) states "New steel pipe that has been cold expanded must comply with the mandatory provisions of API-5LX."

Under these requirements, Michigan Wisconsin Pipeline Company may utilize pipe manufactured in accordance with API-5LS (9th edition) that is cold expanded provided it can be shown that the mandatory requirements of API-5LX (1977 edition) are met.

Sincerely,

Cesar DeLeon
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Pipeline Safety Regulation
Materials Transportation Bureau