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**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

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October 18, 2010

Mr. Jimmie James, Vice President and Northern Operations Manager
ExxonMobil Pipeline Company
3225 Gallows Road
Fairfax, VA 22037

CPF 1-2010-5010M

Dear Mr. James:

On July 13, 2010, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code inspected ExxonMobil Pipeline Company's procedures in South Portland, Maine.

On the basis of the inspection, PHMSA has identified the apparent inadequacy found within ExxonMobil Pipeline Company's (ExxonMobil) plans or procedures, as described below:

1. 195.583(b) What must I do to monitor atmospheric corrosion control?

(b) During inspections the operator must give particular attention to pipe at soil-to-air interfaces, under thermal insulation, under disbonded coatings, at pipe supports, in splash zones, at deck penetrations, and in spans over water.

ExxonMobil's Atmospheric Corrosion Inspection Program was inadequate because it did not give particular attention to determining the condition of the underside of the piping.

ExxonMobil has eight (8) vaults that house valves/piping. According to the operator, the

inspection is performed visually from the surface above the piping. The procedures should be modified to define how the condition of the underside of the piping is to be assessed.

Response to this Notice

This Notice is provided pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60108(a) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.237. Enclosed as part of this Notice is a document entitled *Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings*. Please refer to this document and note the response options. Be advised that all material you submit in response to this enforcement action is subject to being made publicly available. If you believe that any portion of your responsive material qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b), along with the complete original document you must provide a second copy of the document with the portions you believe qualify for confidential treatment redacted and an explanation of why you believe the redacted information qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b). If you do not respond within 30 days of receipt of this Notice, this constitutes a waiver of your right to contest the allegations in this Notice and authorizes the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety to find facts as alleged in this Notice without further notice to you and to issue a Final Order.

If, after opportunity for a hearing, your plans or procedures are found inadequate as alleged in this Notice, you may be ordered to amend your plans or procedures to correct the inadequacies (49 C.F.R. § 190.237). If you are not contesting this Notice, we propose that you submit your amended procedures to my office within 30 days of receipt of this Notice. This period may be extended by written request for good cause. Once the inadequacies identified herein have been addressed in your amended procedures, this enforcement action will be closed.

In correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to **CPF 120105010M** and, for each document you submit, please provide a copy in electronic format whenever possible.

Sincerely,

Byron Coy
Director, Eastern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Enclosure: *Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings*