



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Pipeline and  
Hazardous Materials Safety  
Administration**

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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

November 22, 2010

Mr. Dwayne Burton  
Vice President, Operations and Engineering  
Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P.  
500 Dallas Street; Suite 1000  
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: CPF No. 3-2009-1024H

Dear Mr. Burton:

On December 21, 2009, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a Notice of Proposed Corrective Action Order (Notice) following the failure on your 42-inch diameter Rockies Express East (REX East) natural gas pipeline in Muskingum County, Ohio. After a hearing held on the matter, PHMSA subsequently issued the Corrective Action Order (Order) on February 17, 2010. The Order outlined seventeen (17) items that Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (Kinder Morgan) was required to complete to ensure the future integrity of the REX East pipeline.

Kinder Morgan submitted plans in response to the Order. The Director, Central Region subsequently approved those plans and the activities performed to complete them have been monitored closely. On October 21, 2010, Kinder Morgan requested that the Order be closed. Based upon its review of the activities performed by Kinder Morgan and the documentation provided to support those efforts, the Central Region has determined that the items required by the Order have been completed.

Accordingly, this case is now closed. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

David Barrett  
Director, Central Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration