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Mr. David Barrett
Director, Central Region
Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U. S. Department of Transportation
901 Locust Street, Suite 462
Kansas City, MO 64106

RE: CPF 3-2013-5001 Buckeye Partners, L.P. – Norco Pipeline Inspection
Notice of Proposed Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Buckeye) has reviewed the referenced Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty (NOPV) received on January 15, 2013 from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration relating to the April-May, 2011 inspection of Buckeye's Norco pipeline system.

Buckeye does not contest the proposed violation and will be sending payment of the proposed penalty by wire transfer in accordance with the requirements of this NOPV. Since 2011, Buckeye has made enhancements to its maintenance inspection program to better ensure that inspections are completed within the required regulatory intervals.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact myself or John Reinbold, Manager, Compliance at 610-904-4185.

Sincerely,

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Buckeye Partners, L.P.

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