

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 13, 2015

Mr. Mark Hewett
President
Northern Natural Gas Company
1111 South 103rd Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68124

CPF No. 4-2013-1016H

Dear Mr. Hewett:

On October 8, 2013 at approximately 10:40p.m., a rupture and fire occurred on the Northern Natural Gas Company (NNG) – M680 Line C natural gas pipeline segment located approximately four (4) miles south of Englewood, Kansas and ten (10) miles north of Rosston, (Harper County) Oklahoma. As a result of the incident, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a Corrective Action Order (CAO), 4-2013-1016H, dated October 11, 2013, requiring NNG to take corrective actions with respect to its pipeline system.

The cause of the failure was determined to be external corrosion on the pipeline. NNG has placed the Class 1 pipeline segment in their Integrity Management Plan and has established a five-year assessment interval on the affected pipeline system for identification of corrective measures designed to prevent additional in-service failures. The next assessment will be completed prior to November 21, 2019. PHMSA monitored the actions taken within the integrity verification process and reviewed records submitted by NNG. PHMSA has determined that NNG has substantially completed the requirements of the CAO.

Consequently, PHMSA has closed the CAO, CPF 4-2013-1016H.

Sincerely,

R. M. Seeley
Director, Southwest Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration