



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Pipeline and  
Hazardous Materials Safety  
Administration**

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## WARNING LETTER

### CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 20, 2008

Mr. Kyle Hammond  
Vice President, Operations  
XTO Energy  
810 Houston Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

CPF 5-2008-0019W

Dear Mr. Hammond:

On May 6, 2008, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, inspected your records and facilities in Kenai, Alaska.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that you have committed a probable violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. The items inspected and the probable violation is:

1. **§192.463 External corrosion control: Cathodic protection.**

**(a) Each cathodic protection system required by this subpart must provide a level of cathodic protection that complies with one or more of the applicable criteria contained in Appendix D of this part.**

XTO failed to provide a level of cathodic protection (CP) that complies with one or more of the applicable criteria contained in Appendix D. Inadequate CP levels existed on XTO's onshore buried 2" service gas pipeline during 2005, 2006, and 2007, at the following test stations:

- 5' North of risers\*
- Risers, W side warehouse\*
- Service gas riser at Enstar manifold\*

\* XTO location descriptions on CP records.

Under 49 United States Code, § 60122, you are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100,000 for each violation for each day the violation persists up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for any related series of violations. We have reviewed the circumstances and supporting documents involved in this case, and have decided not to conduct additional enforcement action or penalty assessment proceedings at this time. We advise you to correct the item(s) identified in this letter. Failure to do so will result in XTO Energy being subject to additional enforcement action.

No reply to this letter is required. If you choose to reply, in your correspondence please refer to **CPF 5-2008-0019W**. 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).

Sincerely,



Chris Hoidal  
Director, Western Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

cc: PHP-60 Compliance Registry  
PHP-500 J. Strawn (#120684)