

December 16, 2015

Mr. Richard S. Petersen
President
Cenex Pipeline, LLC
PO Box 909
Laurel, MT 59044

Re: CPF No. 5-2015-5020S

Dear Mr. Petersen:

Enclosed please find a Consent Order incorporating the terms of the Consent Agreement between Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and Cenex Pipeline, LLC which was executed on November 24, 2015. Service of the Consent Order and Consent Agreement by certified mail is deemed effective upon the date of mailing, or as otherwise provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Director, Western Region, PHMSA

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

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In the Matter of)	
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Cenex Pipeline, LLC,)	CPF No. 5-2015-5020S
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Respondent.)	
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CONSENT ORDER

By letter dated September 15, 2015, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety, issued a Notice of Proposed Safety Order (Notice) to Cenex Pipeline, LLC (Cenex or Respondent), which operates the Cenex Products Pipeline in Montana and North Dakota.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.239, the Notice alleged that conditions existed on the pipeline that might pose an integrity risk to public safety, property, or the environment. The Notice also proposed that Cenex take certain corrective measures to remedy the alleged conditions and ensure that the public, property, and the environment were protected from the potential risk.

In response to the Notice, Respondent requested an informal consultation, whereupon the parties engaged in good-faith settlement discussions that resulted in the Consent Agreement attached to this Order and that settles all of the allegations in the Notice. Accordingly, the foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Order. The Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 60101, *et seq.*, failure to comply with this Consent Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties of up to \$200,000 per violation per day, or in the referral of the case for judicial enforcement. The terms and conditions of this Consent Order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued