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Mr. Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Wiese:

Thank you for your June 5, 2009 letter where you highlight the importance of PHMSA and the pipeline industry taking a cooperative, proactive approach in response to concerns about the adequacy of pipeline fabrication, construction practices, procedures and quality control. We appreciate your recognition of the initiatives undertaken by The INGAA Foundation, Inc., working in coordination with the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), to raise the awareness of our members and to formulate strategies for addressing these issues.

To assure that that the members of the Foundation place a high priority on these issues, both collectively and individually, I have shared your letter with the INGAA Foundation board of directors.

Members of the INGAA Foundation participated in developing the action plan proposed by INGAA to address the issues that were the focus of the pipe quality summit on June 11, 2009. This action plan is an important step in understanding and addressing these issues and PHMSA's comments on the plan have been helpful.

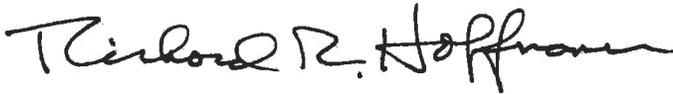
The INGAA Foundation recognizes the value to all concerned from developing a coordinated, consistent industry approach to these issues. We will continue to work with INGAA and the other trade associations as appropriate to implement the action plan.

We recognize the current version of the action plan does not address the full scope of the issues referenced in your letter. INGAA Foundation member companies have participated in the PHMSA and INGAA Foundation workshops and other forums that have focused on welding and the other construction practices noted in your letter. The education and dialogue at these forums,

and other similar events we will organize, will promote increased diligence by all of the parties.

We will keep PHMSA informed of our activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard R. Hoffmann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Richard R. Hoffmann
Executive Director