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Dear Mr. Eastman:

From July 12 through August 23, 2010, representatives from the New York State Department of Public Service (NYSDPS) acting as agents for Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) inspected New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) operations and maintenance procedural manual for the Seneca Storage Facility and Seneca Pipeline in Watkins Glen, New York. As a result of the inspection, a Notice of Amendment (Notice) was issued on March 12, 2012, which proposed amendments to your procedures.

In your recent letter dated August 30, 2012, you provided additional information about the sale of the Seneca facility. As a result of that transaction, NYSEG now consists solely of intrastate transmission lines, distribution lines and associated facilities, which fall under the jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Public Service (NYSDPS).

We acknowledge the receipt of your recent letter with its enclosures addressing the procedures related to those assets. We appreciate your efforts to improve those procedures, but NYSDPS would now be the respective authority to inspect these assets. Based on the sale of the Seneca facility, we would like to inform you that no further action is necessary in connection with this case. This case is now closed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Byron Coy, PE
Director, Eastern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Cc: Kevin Speicher, Program Manager / Chief, NYSDPS