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Mr. Byron Coy
Director, Eastern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U. S. Department of Transportation
820 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 103
West Trenton, NJ 08628

RE: CPF 1-2013-5010M – Notice of Amendment
Buckeye Partners, L.P. – Request for Extension

Dear Mr. Coy:

The referenced Notice of Amendment (Notice) issued to Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Buckeye) and received on July 16, 2013 from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) requires Buckeye to amend an apparent inadequacy in our corrosion control procedures specifically relating to remediation of atmospheric corrosion found during inspections. Further the Notice proposes that if we are not contesting this action, that Buckeye submit an amended procedure to your office within 30 days of Notice receipt with an opportunity to extend this period upon written request for good cause. Buckeye requests an extension until September 30, 2013 to complete the amended procedure, train our employees responsible for its execution and submit the amended procedure to your office for approval.

Buckeye will not be contesting this Notice and our corrosion control subject matter experts have been working on an amendment to its existing visual pipe inspection procedure to provide additional guidance and process steps that will address the basis for determining when remediation of atmospheric corrosion issues are required and the timing for this remediation.

A draft of Buckeye's revised procedure will be completed within the next week to 10 days. Additional time is needed to 1) circulate the draft through our Operations group and make any necessary modifications and 2) train those personnel responsible for the inspections and revised process which we anticipate will take place by the end of September. This schedule assumes that our submitted amended procedure will be found acceptable. After PHMSA's review should additional changes be required to the amended procedure, additional time may be requested to further train our employees prior to implementation.

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Buckeye appreciates your consideration of this time extension request. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact myself or Mark Shook, Manager, Asset Integrity at 610-904-4508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas S. Collier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'T'.

Thomas S. (Scott) Collier
Vice President, Performance Assurance & Asset Integrity
Buckeye Partners, L.P.

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