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**Tennessee Gas Pipeline
Company, L.L.C.**
a Kinder Morgan company

January 19, 2017

Mr. Robert Burroughs
Acting Director, Eastern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
820 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 103
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**Re: Warning Letter
CPF 1-2016-1010W**

Dear Mr. Burroughs:

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company ("TGP") is in receipt of the above referenced Warning Letter, dated October 31, 2016. The letter refers to an item of probable violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations in 49 CFR 192. TGP offers a response to this item below.

PHMSA Finding

192.735 Compressor Stations: Storage of combustible materials

.... (a) Flammable or combustible materials in quantities beyond those required for everyday use, or other than those normally used in compressor buildings, must be stored a safe distance from the compressor building.

Tennessee Gas failed to store flammable or combustible materials in quantities beyond those required for everyday use, or other than those normally used in compressor buildings, at a safe distance from the compressor building.

During the inspection at CS 323A on September 3, 2015, the PHMSA inspector observed 2 cans of flammable fluids (Scotchkote Part A, 5.9 lb. and Scotchkote Part B, 2.8 lb.) stored in a steel flammable fluid cabinet inside the compressor building. On the reverse side of each can, it stated "Caution-Keep away from sources of ignition-No Smoking."

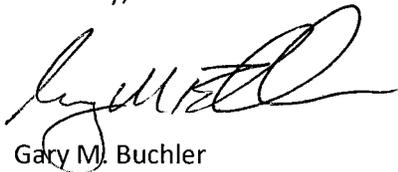
The PHMSA inspector indicated that the material should not be stored in the compressor building. Tennessee Gas stated that the material was used for touch up of coating on piping in the compressor station, and that it would be removed from the compressor room.

TGP Response

The cans of Scotchkote were removed from the compressor building and placed in a flame-resistant storage cabinet located in the compressor station's auxiliary building. This occurred while the PHMSA inspector was still on site in September 2015. Additionally, appropriate procedures have been reviewed with station personnel in order to heighten their awareness of proper storage requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary M. Buchler', written in a cursive style.

Gary M. Buchler

Vice President – Engineering/Operations