



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Pipeline and  
Hazardous Materials Safety  
Administration**

233 Peachtree Street Ste. 600  
Atlanta, GA 30303

## NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

### CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 12, 2007

Mr. Joseph Thorndyke  
Station Manager  
Santee Cooper Rainey Generating Station  
P.O.Box 70  
2900 Opry House Road  
Iva, SC 29655 - 8580

**CPF 2-2007-1016M**

Dear Mr. Thorndyke,

On April 30 – May 2, 2007, representatives of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code inspected Santee Cooper Rainey (SCR) procedures for Operations and Maintenance in Iva, South Carolina.

On the basis of the inspection, PHMSA has identified the apparent inadequacies found within SCR's procedures as described below:

1. **§192.627 Tapping pipelines under pressure**  
**Each tap made on a pipeline under pressure must be performed by a crew qualified to make hot taps.**

SCR's Operation and Maintenance manual does not adequately address this procedure.

2. **§192.727 Abandonment or deactivation of facilities**  
**( a) Each operator shall conduct abandonment or deactivation of pipelines in accordance with the requirements of this section.**

SCR does not adequately address this procedure in its Operation & Maintenance manual.

Response to this Notice

This Notice is provided pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60108(a) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.237. Enclosed as part of this Notice is a document entitled *Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings*. Please refer to this document and note the response options. Be advised that all material you submit in response to this enforcement action is subject to being made publicly available. If you believe that any portion of your responsive material qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b), along with the complete original document you must provide a second copy of the document with the portions you believe qualify for confidential treatment redacted and an explanation of why you believe the redacted information qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b). If you do not respond within 30 days of receipt of this Notice, this constitutes a waiver of your right to contest the allegations in this Notice and authorizes the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety to find facts as alleged in this Notice without further notice to you and to issue a Final Order.

If, after opportunity for a hearing, your plans or procedures are found inadequate as alleged in this Notice, you may be ordered to amend your plans or procedures to correct the inadequacies (49 C.F.R. § 190.237). If you are not contesting this Notice, we propose that you submit your amended procedures to my office within 45 days of receipt of this Notice. This period may be extended by written request for good cause. Once the inadequacies identified herein have been addressed in your amended procedures, this enforcement action will be closed.

In correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to **CPF 2-2007-1016M** and, for each document you submit, please provide a copy in electronic format whenever possible.

Sincerely,



Linda Daugherty  
Director, Southern Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Enclosure: *Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings*