CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 28, 2011
Mr. Tim Heilig
Vice President of Mechanical Operations
Norfolk Southern Corporation
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Atlanta, GA 30309

CPF 2-2010-6004

Dear Mr. Heilig:

On September 28-29 and November 30, 2009, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) inspected the Norfolk Southern Corporation (NSC) Operator Qualification (OQ) program records and procedures for the Macon Pipeline at the Macon, Georgia office pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code.

As a result of the inspections, PHMSA issued a Final Order to NSC on April 8, 2011. The Final Order included a Compliance Order (CO), which required NSC to take certain actions to protect the public and the environment.

In late August 2011, PHMSA received letters from both NSC and Buckeye Development & Logistics, LLC (Buckeye) confirming that as of July 1, 2011, Buckeye is the operator of the Macon pipeline and that Buckeye employees now operate the pipeline and perform all OQ covered tasks on the pipeline using Buckeye’s OQ plan. Since NSC is no longer the operator of the pipeline and all OQ covered tasks on the pipeline are now being completed using Buckeye’s OQ plan, the CO is now moot. Therefore, no further action is necessary with regards to this Final Order and this case is now closed.

Please be advised that this letter refers only to the Final Order (CPF 2-2010-6004) and not to any other PHMSA pending cases. Also be advised that nothing herein states or implies that the above described Buckeye OQ plan meets the requirements of the federal pipeline safety regulations or that the Buckeye OQ plan is approved. The pipeline system and Buckeye’s written OQ plan remain subject to inspection by PHMSA.

Sincerely,

Wayne T. Lemoi
Director, Office of Pipeline Safety
PHMSA Southern Region