



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials Safety
Administration**

233 Peachtree Street Ste. 600
Atlanta, GA 30303

**NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION
PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY
and
PROPOSED COMPLIANCE ORDER**

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 20, 2013

Mr. Paul Grady
VP & Chief Operating Officer
AmeriGas Propane, LP
460 North Gulph Road
Valley Forge, PA 19482

CPF 2-2013-0021

Dear Mr. Grady:

On April 8-12, 2013, representatives of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) Southern Region inspected the AmeriGas Propane, LP (AmeriGas) liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) pipeline systems in Broward County, Florida, and its records and procedures in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that AmeriGas has committed probable violations of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. The items inspected and the probable violations are as follows:

- 1. §192.457 External corrosion control: Buried or submerged pipelines installed before August 1, 1971.**
 - ... (b) Except for cast iron or ductile iron, each of the following buried or submerged pipelines installed before August 1, 1971, must be cathodically protected in accordance with this subpart in areas in which active corrosion is found:**
 - ... (3) Bare or coated distribution lines.**

AmeriGas did not provide any records or other documentation to the OPS inspector to demonstrate that it had cathodically protected each of its buried coated distribution lines installed before August 1, 1971, in accordance with 49 CFR 192, Subpart I, or that it had determined these lines had no areas of active corrosion.