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Mr. Ivan Huntoon
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Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
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RE: CPF No. 3-2007-5006W

Dear Mr. Huntoon:

This letter is in response to your *Warning Letter* dated March 6, 2007 and received by our office on March 13, 2007, regarding the pipeline safety inspections of Kinder Morgan Energy Partner L.P.'s (KMEP) North System. These inspections were conducted in Calendar year 2005.

PHMSA indicates in the referenced letter that Kinder Morgan "appears ... to have committed probable violations of the Pipeline Safety Regulation Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations".

For your convenience, we have included the original proposed violation cited identified in bold text and then followed by our response identified by italic text.

§195.404 Maps and Records.

(b) Each operator shall maintain for at least 3 years daily operating records that indicate-

(1) The discharge pressure at each pump station;

Kinder Morgan did not have discharge pressure records for Eldridge Pump Station for the complete 24 hour period on October 31, 2003. Also, there were no discharge pressure records for Walnut Pump Station on October 27, 2003.

Kinder Morgan will review our in house processes associated with this issue and any deficiencies identified will be corrected.

§195.420 Valve maintenance.

(b) Each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding 7 1/2 months, but at least twice each calendar year, inspect each mainline valve to determine that it is functioning properly.

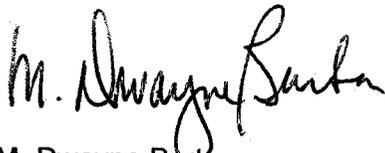
On the KSM 103 Line within Bushton Pump Station the KSM 101/103 bypass valve, S/N M33570-9, was installed in July 2004. This valve is operated weekly during normal operation but the valve did not receive the 2nd 2004 mainline valve inspection, and was not inspected in 2005.

At the time Kinder Morgan installed the valve mentioned above, the plans called for installing a motor actuator on this valve. The valve actuator did not fit correctly therefore a new one was ordered. The delivery time for the motor actuator took longer than expected. Kinder Morgan wants to clarify that when the new valve was installed, the two valves that were historically inspected as the DOT valves were left in place and available during an emergency isolation event.

Kinder Morgan is committed to operating our pipelines safely, in respect of the environment and in compliance with all governmental regulations.

If you have any questions or need further assistance contact me at 713 369-9356 or Jaime Hernandez at 713-369-9443.

Sincerely,



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