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August 11, 2015

Mr. Rick Ross
Senior Vice President, Operations
Whiting Petroleum Corporation
1700 Broadway, Suite 2300
Denver, Colorado 80290-2300

CPF 3-2015-5005M

Dear Mr. Ross:

On June 9 – 13, 2014, representatives of the Central Region office of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code inspected the operation and maintenance (O&M) procedures for Whiting Petroleum Corporation (Whiting) at your offices in Dickinson, North Dakota. As a result of the inspection, Whiting was issued a Notice of Amendment on May 29, 2015, which proposed amendment of your procedures.

Whiting submitted its amended procedures on June 25, 2015. My staff reviewed the amended procedures, and it appears that the inadequacies outlined in this Notice of Amendment have been corrected.

This letter is to inform you no further action is necessary and this case is now closed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Allan C. Beshore
Director, Central Region, OPS
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration