

September 30, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: baybry@clr.com

Mr. William B. Berry
President and Chief Executive Officer
Continental Resources, Inc.
20 North Broadway
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Re: CPF No. 3-2022-001-NOPV

Dear Mr. Berry:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It makes findings of violation, finds that the civil penalty amount of \$12,000 has been paid in full, and specifies actions that need to be taken to comply with the pipeline safety regulations. When the terms of the compliance order are completed, as determined by the Director, Central Region, this enforcement action will be closed. Service of the Final Order by e-mail is effective upon the date of transmission and acknowledgement of receipt as provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosures (Final Order and NOPV)

cc: Mr. Gregory A. Ochs, Director, Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, PHMSA
Mr. Brooks Richardson, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Continental Resources, Inc., brooks.richardson@clr.com
Mr. Patrick McGrew, Senior HSE Specialist, Continental Resources, Inc., patrick.mcgrew@clr.com

CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT REQUESTED

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

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In the Matter of)	
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Continental Resources, Inc.,)	CPF No. 3-2022-001-NOPV
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Respondent.)	
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FINAL ORDER

On August 8, 2022, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Director, Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), issued a Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to Continental Resources, Inc. (Respondent). The Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated the pipeline safety regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 195 and proposed a civil penalty of \$12,000. The Notice also proposed certain measures to correct the violations. Respondent did not contest the allegations of violation or corrective measures and paid the proposed civil penalty on September 1, 2022. In accordance with § 190.208(a)(1), such payment authorizes the entry of this final order.

Based upon a review of all of the evidence, pursuant to § 190.213, I find Respondent violated the pipeline safety regulation listed below, as more fully described in the enclosed Notice, which is incorporated by reference:

49 C.F.R. § 195.262(a) (**Item 1**) – Respondent failed to install warning devices to warn of the presence of hazardous vapors in pumping station buildings.

49 C.F.R. § 195.302(a) (**Item 2**) – Respondent operated its pipeline without first conducting a pressure test without leakage.

These findings of violation will be considered prior offenses in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.223, Respondent is assessed the proposed civil penalty amount of \$12,000, which Respondent has already paid in full.

Compliance Actions

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60118(b) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.217, Respondent is ordered to take the actions proposed in the enclosed Notice to correct the violations. The Director may grant an extension of time to comply with any of the required items upon a written request timely

submitted by the Respondent and demonstrating good cause for an extension. Upon completion of the ordered actions, Respondent may request that the Director close the case. Failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties under 49 C.F.R. § 190.223 or in referral to the Attorney General for appropriate relief in a district court of the United States.

The terms and conditions of this order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

September 30, 2022

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued