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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 28, 2015

Mr. Craig O. Pierson
President
Marathon Pipe Line, LLC
539 South Main Street
Findlay, OH 45840

CPF No. 4-2010-5013

Dear Mr. Pierson:

On March 10, 2009, Marathon Pipe Line LLC (Marathon) experienced a failure at its St. James Terminal near Garyville, Louisiana (St. James Terminal). During the execution of a drain line tie-in project, a Marathon contractor ignited hazardous vapors in a crude oil sump at the St. James Terminal. The ensuing explosion resulted in one fatality and three injuries. As a result PHMSA issued a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty, and Proposed Compliance Order on August 24, 2010.

In settlement of the NOPV and CO, PHMSA and Marathon reached agreement on the terms and conditions set forth in a Supplemental Safety and Environmental Project (SSEP). The final Consent Agreement was issued to Marathon on May 8, 2012.

Marathon has completed all of the requirements of the SSEP. This letter is to inform you that no further action is necessary and this case is now closed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

R. M. Seeley
Director, Southwest Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration