



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Pipeline and  
Hazardous Materials Safety  
Administration**

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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

June 23, 2015

Mr. Nelson Martinez  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
CITGO Petroleum Corporation  
1293 Eldridge Parkway  
Houston, TX 77077-1670

**CPF 4-2014-5010**

Dear Mr. Martinez:

On October 29, 2012, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code conducted an investigation of an accident that occurred within the Sour Lake Tank Farm on October 18, 2012.

As a result of the investigation a Notice of Probable Violation, Proposed Civil Penalty and Proposed Compliance Order (Notice) CPF 4-2014-5010, was issued to Citgo Pipeline Company on April 24, 2014. CITGO responded by letter on May 28, 2014, and provided responses to the three (3) alleged violations. On March 25, 2015, PHMSA issued a Final Order in the matter which was received by CITGO on April 27, 2015. CITGO was assessed a penalty of \$123,800.00 in the Final Order and payment of the penalty was made on April 13, 2015. On May 25, 2015 PHMSA requested CITGO to send its amended procedure to the Director of Southwest Region for review and approval. CITGO submitted the requested procedural modifications on June 10, 2015 and received "final" revised procedure on June 15, 2015. My staff reviewed the amended procedure, and it appears that the inadequacies 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,

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