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**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials  
Safety Administration**

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**ELECTRONIC MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

April 12, 2022

Walter L. Allen  
Vice President, Natural Gas Liquids Operations  
ONEOK NGL Pipeline, L.L.C.  
100 West Fifth Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103

**CPF 4-2016-5014S**

Dear Mr. Allen:

On May 16, 2016, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code (U.S.C.), issued a Notice of Proposed Safety Order (Notice) to ONEOK NGL Pipeline, L.L.C (ONEOK). The Notice alleged that PHMSA's onsite inspections of the Sterling III Pipeline identified a risk condition with the aboveground pumping stations involving the discharge piping subject to mechanical vibration resulting from Variable Frequency Drive Units.

On December 13, 2019, PHMSA and ONEOK entered into a Consent Agreement and Order to resolve the issues underlying the Notice. Over the past two years, PHMSA and ONEOK representatives have met to discuss the actions taken to comply with the provisions of the Consent Agreement and have reached consensus on the substantial resolution of the three items contained in the Consent Agreement. On February 16, 2022, ONEOK submitted a request for closure in accordance with Section 26 of the Consent Agreement.

PHMSA staff reviewed the responses provided to demonstrate compliance with the Consent Agreement and determined that ONEOK has substantially complied with the terms of the Agreement.

This letter is to inform you no further responses in this case are required, and this case is now closed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mary L. McDaniel, P.E.  
Director, Southwest Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration