

December 28, 2020

Mary McDaniel, Director, Southwest Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
Via: email mary.mcdaniel@dot.gov

Re: CPF 4-2020-014-WL

Dear Ms. McDaniel:

This letter is to address concerns raised in correspondence CPF 4-2020-014-WL, related to Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §192.143 and §192.463.

On October 6th, 2020, PHMSA's representative performed an inspection of the levee pipeline crossing installations at the project site. At the time of the inspection the pipeline was supported by ratchet straps as a means to position it during backfilling of the trench when flowable fill material is placed into the trench at the pipeline's center-point. The straps were removed before completion of backfilling. Installation photographs (attached) and pour sign-off records serve as documentation that the straps had been removed.

Regrettably, it appears PHMSA was not informed that the feedback received from PHMSA's representative during the October 6, 2020 inspection was fully addressed with the removal of the straps before completion of backfilling of the pipeline crossing Golden Pass provides this explanation and the attached documentation to show that it had fully addressed the concerns raised by PHMSA's representative prior to correspondence CPF 4-2020-014-WL, but did not effectively communicate as such. Golden Pass will endeavor to improve communication in such matters to prevent this occurrence in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Elaine Beck at 281-753-0476 (email: elaine.beck@gpterminal.com).

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joel Hindman

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Att: Photographs documenting straps removal

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