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Ms. Diane Prier
Vice President
Williams Energy Services
P.O. Box 645
Tulsa, OK 74101

Re: CPF No. 5-2001-5010

Dear Ms. Prier:

Enclosed is the Final Order issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes findings of violation and requires certain corrective action. When the terms of the compliance order are completed, as determined by the Director, Western Region, this enforcement action will be closed. Your receipt of this Final Order constitutes service of that document under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn M. Hill
Pipeline Compliance Registry
Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

In the Matter of)
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Williams Energy Services,)
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Respondent.)
_____)

CPF No. 5-2001-5010

FINAL ORDER

On April 24-27, 2001, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60117, a representative of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) conducted an on-site pipeline safety inspection of Respondent's facilities and records in Bloomfield, New Mexico. As a result of the inspection, the Director, Western Region, OPS, issued to Respondent, by letter dated August 20, 2001, a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Compliance Order (Notice). In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated 49 C.F.R. § 195.402 and proposed that Respondent take certain measures to correct the alleged violation.

Respondent has not responded to the Notice which it received on August 23, 2001. Respondent's failure to respond constitutes a waiver of Respondent's right to contest the allegations in the Notice and authorizes the entry of this Final Order.

FINDING OF VIOLATION

Respondent did not contest the alleged violation in the Notice. Accordingly, I find that Respondent violated the following section of 49 C.F.R. Part 195, as more fully described in the Notice:

49 C.F.R. § 195.402 -- failure to follow written procedures requiring inspection of flame detection devices in pump stations.

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent.

COMPLIANCE ORDER

The Notice proposed a compliance order with respect to Item No. 1 of the Notice pertaining to the inspection of flame detectors (fire eyes).

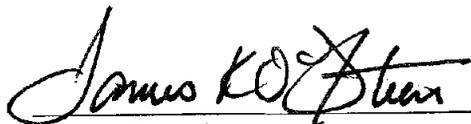
Under 49 U.S.C. § 60118 (a), each person who engages in the transportation of hazardous liquids or who owns or operates a pipeline facility is required to comply with the applicable safety standards established under chapter 601. Pursuant to the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 60118 (b) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.217, Respondent is ordered to take the following actions to ensure compliance with the pipeline safety regulations applicable to its operations. Respondent must -

1. Perform a review of its entire Red and Brown pipeline system to identify any flame detectors (fire eyes) not inspected in accordance with company procedures.
2. Inspect any flame detectors (fire eyes) identified in Item 1 in accordance with company procedures.
3. Complete the requirements of Items 1 and 2 within 30 days following receipt of this Final Order. Submit evidence of the actions taken demonstrating compliance to the Director, Western Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, Golden Hills Centre, Suite A-250, 12600 West Colfax Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80215-3736.

The Director, Western Region, OPS, may grant an extension of time to comply with any of the required items upon a request by the Respondent demonstrating good cause for an extension.

Failure to comply with this Final Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties of up to \$100,000 per violation per day, or in the referral of the case for judicial enforcement.

Under 49 C.F.R. § 190.215, Respondent has a right to petition for reconsideration of this Final Order. The petition must be received within 20 days of Respondent's receipt of this Final Order and must contain a brief statement of the issue(s). The filing of the petition automatically stays the payment of any civil penalty assessed. All other terms of the order, including any required corrective action, remain in full effect unless the Associate Administrator, upon request, grants a stay. The terms and conditions of this Final Order are effective on receipt.



Stacey Gerard
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

JUN 17 2003

Date Issued