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Mr. Rey Javier
Vice President
Brea Cañon Oil Co., Inc.
23903 S. Normandie Ave.
Harbor City, CA 90710

Re: CPF No. 5-2005-0017M

Dear Mr. Javier:

Enclosed is the Order Directing Amendment issued in the above-referenced case. It finds that your procedures were inadequate, as alleged in the Notice of Amendment, but that no further action is required because your pipeline is no longer subject to Part 192. This case is now closed. Your receipt of the Final Order constitutes service under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

William Abute
for

Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Chris Hoidal, P.E., Director, Western Region, OPS

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OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

In the Matter of	)	
Brea Cañon Oil Co., Inc.,	)	**CPF No. 5-2005-0017M**
Respondent.	)	

ORDER DIRECTING AMENDMENT

From May 18 to 19, 2005, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60117, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), inspected the Operator Qualification (OQ) Program of Brea Cañon Oil Co., Inc. (Brea Cañon or Respondent), at its headquarters in Harbor City, California. Brea Cañon operates an 11-mile natural gas pipeline system in California.

As a result of that inspection, the Director, Western Region, OPS, issued to Brea Cañon, by letter dated October 17, 2005, a Notice of Amendment (NOA). The NOA alleged that Brea Cañon's OQ program was inadequate and proposed to require the amendment of the company's procedures to comply with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 192 and, specifically, 49 C.F.R. §§ 192.805(b) and (f).

In a letter dated November 8, 2005, Brea Cañon responded to the NOA and submitted a portion of its OQ Manual. Based on the results of the Director's review, I find that Brea Cañon's OQ Program, as described in the NOA, was inadequate at the time of the OPS inspection. I also find that the remaining deficiencies need not be addressed, as Respondent's pipeline is no longer subject to Part 192 requirements. This is because Brea Cañon now operates the line for onshore gas gathering purposes at less than zero psi. See 49 C.F.R. 192.1(b)(4)(i).

In the event, however, that Brea Cañon has reason to believe that its pipeline no longer qualifies as a gathering line, PHMSA requests that the company promptly notify the Director, Western Region, OPS, of such change in status.

The terms and conditions of this Order Directing Amendment shall be effective upon receipt.

William H Gute
for

Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

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