December 16, 2015

Mr. Richard S. Petersen  
President  
Cenex Pipeline, LLC  
PO Box 909  
Laurel, MT 59044  

Re: CPF No. 5-2015-5020S  

Dear Mr. Petersen:  

Enclosed please find a Consent Order incorporating the terms of the Consent Agreement between Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and Cenex Pipeline, LLC which was executed on November 24, 2015. Service of the Consent Order and Consent Agreement by certified mail is deemed effective upon the date of mailing, or as otherwise provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.  

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.  

Sincerely,  

Jeffrey D. Wiese  
Associate Administrator  
for Pipeline Safety  

Enclosure  

cc: Director, Western Region, PHMSA  

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CONSENT ORDER

By letter dated September 15, 2015, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety, issued a Notice of Proposed Safety Order (Notice) to Cenex Pipeline, LLC (Cenex or Respondent), which operates the Cenex Products Pipeline in Montana and North Dakota.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.239, the Notice alleged that conditions existed on the pipeline that might pose an integrity risk to public safety, property, or the environment. The Notice also proposed that Cenex take certain corrective measures to remedy the alleged conditions and ensure that the public, property, and the environment were protected from the potential risk.

In response to the Notice, Respondent requested an informal consultation, whereupon the parties engaged in good-faith settlement discussions that resulted in the Consent Agreement attached to this Order and that settles all of the allegations in the Notice. Accordingly, the foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Order. The Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 60101, et seq., failure to comply with this Consent Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties of up to $200,000 per violation per day, or in the referral of the case for judicial enforcement. The terms and conditions of this Consent Order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety