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Mr. Chris Hoidal
Director, Western Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
12300 W. Dakota Ave., Suite 110
Lakewood CO 80228

RE: CPF 5-2016-5007W, Cenex Products Pipeline Warning Letter

Dear Mr. Hoidal:

Cenex Products Pipeline (Cenex) is in receipt of the warning letter referenced above. In the letter, PHMSA alleged two probable violations. While Cenex does not admit any violation, Cenex will take the following actions.

PHSMA Finding: Cenex's Block Valve 17.1 near the Souris River in North Dakota was surrounded by water. This flooded condition was said to be common, and Cenex has been unable to adequately inspect and coat the exposed pipe at this location.

Cenex Response: Cenex will review the location of block valve 17.1 and determine if the valve can be separated from the water by diking, berming and pumping. If not, this valve will be relocated to a drier location and moved above ground. This will be completed by March 31, 2017.

PHSMA Finding: There are two (2) fixed supports without a pipe insulator at block valve 250 near Fargo where the pipe appears to be corroding at the interface of the support and pipe. These areas must be given attention to address ongoing atmospheric corrosion.

Cenex Response: Cenex will install appropriate pipe insulators and address any corrosion by December 31, 2016.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Greg Brown
Director, CHS Pipelines & Terminal Operations