



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials  
Safety Administration

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Lakewood, CO 80228

## WARNING LETTER

### **CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

February 24, 2017

Mr. Steve Williams  
Chief Executive Officer  
Suncor Energy Inc.  
P.O Box 2844, 150 – 6th Avenue S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta  
Canada T2P 3E3

**CPF 5-2017-5001W**

Dear Mr. Williams:

On August 15, June 2, November 14 through 17, and December 12 and 13, 2016, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, inspected your Rocky Mountain Crude Pipeline System in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

As a result of the inspection, it is alleged that you have committed a probable violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. The items inspected and the probable violation(s) are:

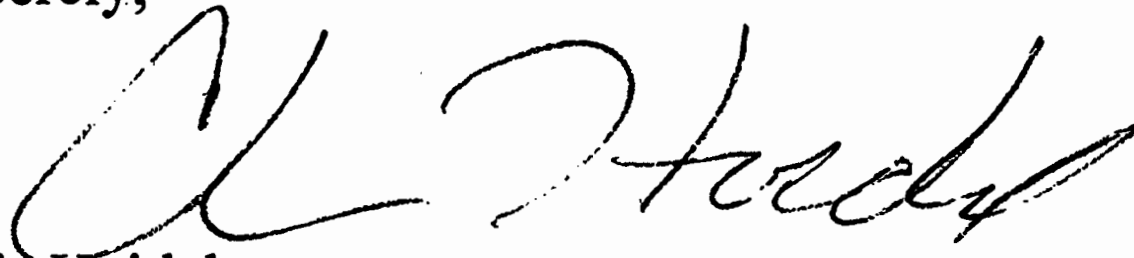
1. **§195.404 Maps and records.**
  - (a) **Each operator shall maintain current maps and records of its pipeline systems that include at least the following information:**
    - (iv) **Pipeline valves;**

Block Valves 8G23.3E and 8G23.3W on Suncor's parallel 8-inch diameter East and West crude oil pipelines appeared on the alignment drawings for the Rocky Mountain Crude Pipeline System. According to the compliance representative both have been removed. Suncor did not maintain current maps and records of its pipeline systems as required by §195.404 (a)(iv).

Under 49 United States Code, § 60122, you are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$205,638 per violation per day the violation persists up to a maximum of \$2,056,380 for a related series of violations. For violation occurring between January 4, 2012 to August 1, 2016, the maximum penalty may not exceed \$200,000 per violation per day, with a maximum penalty not to exceed \$2,000,000 for a related series of violations. For violations occurring prior to January 4, 2012, the maximum penalty may not exceed \$100,000 per violation per day, with a maximum penalty not to exceed \$1,000,000 for a related series of violations

No reply to this letter is required. If you choose to reply, in your correspondence please refer to **CPF 5-2017-5001W**. Be advised that all material you submit in response to this enforcement action is subject to being made publicly available. If you believe that any portion of your responsive material qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b), along with the complete original document you must provide a second copy of the document with the portions you believe qualify for confidential treatment redacted and an explanation of why you believe the redacted information qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

Sincerely,



Chris Hoidal  
Director, Western Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

cc: PHP-60 Compliance Registry  
PHP-500 G. Ogirima (#153769)