

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

In the Matter of)
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Colonial Pipeline Co.,) CPF No. 26505
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Respondent.)

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §60117, a representative of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) conducted an investigation of the June 30, 1996 accident involving Respondent's pipeline in Macon, Georgia. As result of the investigation, the Director, Southern Region, OPS, issued to Respondent, by letter dated October 17, 1996, a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty (Notice). In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated 49 C.F.R. §195.54 and proposed assessing a civil penalty of \$1,250 for the alleged violation.

Respondent responded to the Notice by submitting a check in the amount of the proposed penalty, waiving further right to respond, and authorizing the entry of this Final Order.

Accordingly, I find that Respondent committed the following violation of 49 C.F.R. Part 195, as more fully described in the Notice:

49 C.F.R. § 195.54 --failing to file an accident report with respect to the June 30, 1996 Macon, Georgia accident until October 16, 1996.

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent. I hereby assess a civil penalty of \$1,250, already paid by Respondent.

\sRichard B. Felder
Richard B. Felder
Associate Administrator for Pipeline

Date: __06/24/98_____