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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Jeet S. Bindra, President
Chevron Pipe Line Company
2811 Hayes Road
P.O. Box 4879
Houston, Texas 77210-4879

RE: CPF No. 420005002

Dear Mr. Bindra:

Enclosed is the Final Order issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of violation and assesses a civil penalty of $5,000 for that violation. I acknowledge receipt of, and accept your check numbered 021079763 dated March 20, 2000, in the amount of $5,000 as payment in full of the civil penalty assessed in the Final Order. Your receipt of the Final Order constitutes service of that document.

This case is hereby closed.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn M. Hill

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Pipeline Compliance Registry
Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

In the Matter of	)	
Chevron Pipe Line Company,	)	CPF No. 420005002
Respondent.	)	

FINAL ORDER

On February 16, 2000, the Director, Southwestern Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, issued to Respondent a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty (Notice), in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.207. Respondent has submitted a check in the amount of the civil penalty ($5,000), waiving further right to respond, and authorizing entry of this Final Order.

FINDINGS OF VIOLATION

Pursuant to §190.209(a)(1) and 49 U.S.C. §60122, I hereby find that Respondent violated the following section of 49 C.F.R. Part 195, as described more completely in the Notice:

1. 49 C.F.R. § 195.52(a) -- failing to provide telephonic notice of a crude oil release at the earliest practicable moment following discovery.

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent. I assess the civil penalty of $5,000, already paid by Respondent.

Stacey Gerard
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued: SEP 27 2000