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Mr. Curtis Pohl
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CPF 1-2019-0001M

Dear Mr. Pohl:

From August 21-23, 2018, representatives of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) pursuant to Chapter 601 of Title 49 of the United States Code inspected the Northwestern Corporation's (NWC) procedures and records for the operation of the Dry Creek Underground Natural Gas Storage Field (Dry Creek). The inspection was conducted at NWC's office in Billings, Montana and the Dry Creek field located in a remote area south of Bridger and fifty-five (55) miles southwest of Billings, Montana.

As a result of the inspection, NWC was issued a Notice of Amendment (NOA) on February 4, 2019. NWC responded on March 6, 2019, choosing not to contest the Notice. NWC submitted documentation showing it took certain actions to ensure compliance with the terms of the Notice.

Based on our review of the documentation, it appears that the inadequacies outlined in this NOA have been corrected.

This letter is to inform you no further action is necessary, and this case is now closed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Robert Burrough
Director, Eastern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration