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**Pipeline and
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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

OVERNIGHT EXPRESS DELIVERY

April 1, 2021

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Oklahoma City, OK 73102

CPF 1-2021-033-NOA

Dear Mr. Watson:

On November 4, 5 and 18, 2020, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code inspected Enable Gas Transmission, LLC's (EGT) procedures for its Ruston underground natural gas storage operations in Lincoln County, Louisiana.

On the basis of the inspection, PHMSA has identified the apparent inadequacy found within EGT's plans or procedures, as described below:

1. **§ 192.12 Underground natural gas storage facilities.**
 - (a) ...
 - (d) *Integrity management program—*
 - (1) ...
 - (4) *Integrity management procedures and recordkeeping.* Each UNGSF operator must establish and follow written procedures to carry out its integrity management program under API RP 1171 (incorporated by reference, see § 192.7), section 8 ("Risk Management for Gas Storage Operations"), and this paragraph (d). The operator must also maintain, for the useful life of the UNGSF, records that demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this paragraph (d). This includes records developed and used in support of any identification, calculation, amendment, modification, justification,

deviation, and determination made, and any action taken to implement and evaluate any integrity management program element.

EGT's written procedures for carrying out its integrity management program under API RP 1171, Section 8 were inadequate. Specifically, EGT did not have a process to assess threat and hazard interaction in accordance with API RP 1171, Section 8.3.2 (Section 8.3.2).

Section 8.3.2 states in part:

The operator shall use available information such as performance data collected through the field history, operations and maintenance (O&M) activities, geotechnical data such as well logs, engineering data, and completion reports to determine susceptibility to threat and hazard-related events and to assess threat and hazard interaction.

During the inspection, EGT reported that they had not established a procedure to assess threats and hazard interaction.

Therefore, EGT's written procedures required by § 192.12(d)(4) were inadequate. EGT must revise its procedures to include how it will assess threat and hazard interaction in accordance with Section 8.3.2.

Response to this Notice

This Notice is provided pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60108(a) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.206. Enclosed as part of this Notice is a document entitled Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Enforcement Proceedings.

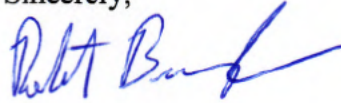
Please refer to this document and note the response options. Be advised that all material you submit in response to this enforcement action is subject to being made publicly available. If you believe that any portion of your responsive material qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b), 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).

Following the receipt of this Notice, you have 30 days to submit written comments, revised procedures, or a request for a hearing under §190.211. If you do not respond within 30 days of receipt of this Notice, this constitutes a waiver of your right to contest the allegations in this Notice and authorizes the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety to find facts as alleged in this Notice without further notice to you and to issue an Order Directing Amendment. If your plans or procedures are found inadequate as alleged in this Notice, you may be ordered to amend your plans or procedures to correct the inadequacies (49 C.F.R. § 190.206). If you are not contesting this Notice, we propose that you submit your amended procedures to my office within 30 days of receipt of this Notice. This period may be extended by written request for good cause. Once the inadequacies identified herein have been addressed in your amended procedures, this enforcement action will be closed.

It is requested (not mandated) that Enable Gas Transmission, LLC maintain documentation of the

safety improvement costs associated with fulfilling this Notice of Amendment (preparation/revision of plans, procedures) and submit the total to Robert Burrough, Director, Eastern Region, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 840 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 300, West Trenton, NJ 08628. In correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to **CPF 1-2021-033-NOA** and, for each document you submit, please provide a copy in electronic format whenever possible. Smaller files may be emailed to robert.burrough@dot.gov. Larger files should be sent on USB flash drive accompanied by the original paper copy to the Eastern Region Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Burrough", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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

Enclosure: Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Enforcement Proceedings