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**Pipeline and
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Administration**

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Mr. David N. Link
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CPF 2-2008-1009M

Dear Mr. Link:

On July 22-24 and August 5-6, 2008, representatives of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety inspected the Raton Gas Transmission (Raton) operator qualification (OQ), pipeline integrity management (IM), and operations and maintenance (O&M) procedures in Raton, New Mexico, pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code.

As a result of the inspection, PHMSA issued a Notice of Amendment (NOA) on December 16, 2008, which required Raton to amend its pipeline integrity management procedures; and, its operations and maintenance procedures.

The PHMSA Southern Region reviewed your most recent written response to the NOA dated May 7, 2010, and your November 21, 2010, electronic response to the NOA. We find that you have met the requirements specified in the NOA. No further action is necessary with regards to the NOA and this case is now closed.

Please be advised that nothing herein states or implies that the above described procedures meet the requirements of the federal pipeline safety regulations or that the procedures are approved. The pipeline system, its IM program, OQ program and O&M procedures remain subject to inspection by PHMSA.

Sincerely,

Wayne T. Lemoi
Director, PHMSA Southern Region
Office of Pipeline Safety