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Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

DEC 27 2012

Mr. Jerry L. Morris  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.  
4700 Highway 56  
Owensboro, KY 42301

**Re: CPF No. 4-2012-1013**

Dear Mr. Morris:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It makes findings of violation and assesses a civil penalty of \$6,200. This is to acknowledge receipt of payment of the full penalty amount by cashier's check dated July 11, 2012. This enforcement action is now closed. Service of the Final Order by certified mail is deemed effective upon the date of mailing, or as otherwise provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

*for: [Signature]*  
Jeffrey D. Wiese  
Associate Administrator  
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Mr. R.M. Seeley, Director, Southwest Region, OPS  
Mr. Alan Mayberry, Deputy Associate Administrator for Field Operations, OPS  
Mr. Robert S. Bahnick, Vice President & Chief Operations Officer, Southern Star  
Mr. Robert W. Carlton, Vice President & Chief Compliance Officer, Southern Star

**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.sscgp.com/about-southern-star/> (last accessed December 19, 2012).

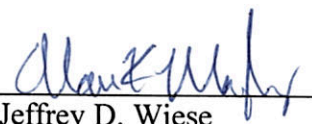
**§ 192.907 What must an operator do to implement this subpart?**

(a) General. No later than December 17, 2004, an operator of a covered pipeline segment must develop and follow a written integrity management program that contains all the elements described in § 192.911 and that addresses the risks on each covered transmission pipeline segment. The initial integrity management program must consist, at a minimum, of a framework that describes the process for implementing each program element, how relevant decisions will be made and by whom, a time line for completing the work to implement the program element, and how information gained from experience will be continuously incorporated into the program. The framework will evolve into a more detailed and comprehensive program. An operator must make continual improvements to the program.

The Notice alleged that Respondent violated 49 C.F.R. § 192.907 by failing to follow its written integrity management (IM) program. Specifically, the Notice alleged that Southern Star's IM program called for a "primary" review of the program once every four years, and a "secondary" review in the year following the primary review and every two years in which a primary review was not conducted. Such quality assurance measures are required to be a part of the IM program by § 192.911(l). The Notice alleged that Southern Star failed to conduct and document either a primary or secondary level review of its IM program from 2006 until the PHMSA inspection in 2011. Respondent did not contest this allegation of violation. Accordingly, based upon a review of all of the evidence, I find that Respondent violated 49 C.F.R. § 192.907 by failing to follow its written integrity management (IM) program.

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent.

The terms and conditions of this Final Order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

for:   
 Jeffrey D. Wiese  
 Associate Administrator  
 for Pipeline Safety

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 Date Issued