

January 26, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: mark.cluff@williams.com

Mark Cluff
Vice President, Safety & Operational Discipline
Williams Field Services - Gulf Coast Company, LP
One Williams Center
P.O. Box 645
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172

Re: CPF 4-2022-038-NOPV

Dear Mr. Cluff:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of violation, assesses a civil penalty of \$33,300, and specifies actions that need to be taken to comply with the pipeline safety regulations. When the civil penalty has been paid and the terms of the compliance order are completed, as determined by the Director, Southwest Region, this enforcement action will be closed. Service of the Final Order by e-mail is effective upon the date of transmission and acknowledgement of receipt as provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosures (Final Order and NOPV)

cc: Mr. Brian Lethcoe, Director, Southwest Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, PHMSA
Mr. John Bell, Manager of Pipeline Safety, Transmission & Gulf of Mexico, Williams,
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CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT REQUESTED

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

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In the Matter of	)	
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Williams Field Services - Gulf Coast Company, LP,	)	CPF 4-2022-038-NOPV
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Respondent.	)	
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FINAL ORDER

On June 17, 2022, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Director, Southwest Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), issued a Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to Williams Field Services - Gulf Coast Company, LP (Williams or Respondent). The Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated one of the pipeline safety regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 192 and proposed a civil penalty of \$33,300. The Notice also proposed certain measures to correct the violations. Respondent did not contest the allegations of violation, corrective measures, or proposed civil penalty.

Based upon a review of all of the evidence, pursuant to § 190.213, I find Respondent violated the pipeline safety regulation listed below, as more fully described in the enclosed Notice, which is incorporated by reference:

49 C.F.R. § 192.477 (**Item 1**) — Respondent failed to monitor the effects of corrosive gas on the interior of its pipeline two times each calendar year at intervals not exceeding 7 ½ months.

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.223, I assess Respondent a total civil penalty of **\$33,300**.

Payment of the civil penalty must be made within 20 days of service. Federal regulations (49 C.F.R. § 89.21(b)(3)) require such payment to be made by wire transfer through the Federal Reserve Communications System (Fedwire), to the account of the U.S. Treasury. Detailed instructions are contained in the enclosure. Questions concerning wire transfers should be directed to: Financial Operations Division (AMK-325), Federal Aviation Administration, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, 6500 S MacArthur Blvd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 79169. The Financial Operations Division telephone number is (405) 954-8845.

Failure to pay the \$33,300 civil penalty will result in accrual of interest at the current annual rate in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 3717, 31 C.F.R. § 901.9 and 49 C.F.R. § 89.23. Pursuant to those same authorities, a late penalty charge of six percent (6%) per annum will be charged if payment is not made within 110 days of service. Furthermore, failure to pay the civil penalty may result in referral of the matter to the Attorney General for appropriate action in a district court of the United States.

Compliance Actions

The Director has indicated that Respondent completed one of the two actions proposed in the Notice to correct the violation. Therefore, the compliance order is modified to require Williams to conduct the required internal corrosion inspections within 30 days of receipt of the Final Order.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60118(b) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.217, Respondent is ordered to take the actions set forth above to correct the violation. The Director may grant an extension of time to comply with the required item upon a written request timely submitted by the Respondent and demonstrating good cause for an extension. Upon completion of the ordered action, Respondent may request that the Director close the case. Failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties under 49 C.F.R. § 190.223 or in referral to the Attorney General for appropriate relief in a district court of the United States.

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

January 26, 2023

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued