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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

April 23, 2019

Mr. Greg Lalicker
President and COO
Hilcorp Alaska, LLC
1201 Louisiana Street
Suite 1400
Houston, Texas 77002

**CPF 5-2018-0015W
Withdrawal of Item 4**

Dear Mr. Lalicker:

On December 27, 2018, Hilcorp Alaska, LLC (Hilcorp) was issued a Warning Letter for the CPF number referenced above. This Warning Letter alleged that Hilcorp had committed probable violations of the Pipeline Safety Regulations. Item 4 of the Warning Letter alleged a probable violation of § 192.807. Specifically, the Warning Letter provided as follows:

4. § 192.807 Recordkeeping.

Each operator shall maintain records that demonstrate compliance with this subpart.

(a) Qualification records shall include:

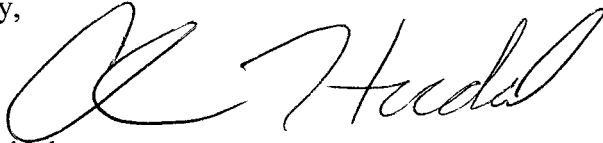
- (1) Identification of qualified individual(s);**
- (2) Identification of the covered tasks the individual is qualified to perform;**
- (3) Date(s) of current qualification; and**
- (4) Qualification method(s).**

The Operator failed to qualify an employee for mainline valve testing. The Operator provided records showing that an employee was qualified under procedure 716OP to inspect, maintain, and operate valves through 2015. However, the Operator failed to provide records showing that this individual was qualified to perform the covered task on October 4, 2016, when he performed testing of valve SDV-0001.

PHMSA incorrectly noted October 4, 2016 as the date Valve SDV-0001 was inspected. On February 27, 2019, Hilcorp provided by email a NorthStar DOT Valve Inspection Report for Valve SDV-0001 dated 9/25/16 as well as operator qualification records for the individual who performed the inspection.

This letter is to inform you that PHMSA hereby withdraws item 4 of the Warning Letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Hoidal", written in a cursive style.

Chris Hoidal
Acting Director, Western Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

cc: PHP-60 Compliance Registry
PHP-500 J. Owens (# 155099)