

March 2, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: hameri@naftex.com

Mr. Hormoz Ameri
President
Naftex Operating Company
14333 Breckenridge Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93307

Re: CPF No. 5-2023-027-NOPV

Dear Mr. Ameri:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of violation and specifies actions that need to be taken to comply with the pipeline safety regulations. When the terms of the compliance order are completed, as determined by the Director, Western 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. Dustin Hubbard, Director, Western Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, PHMSA
Mr. Matthew Poulin, Area Manager, Naftex Operating Company, mpoulin@naftex.com
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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**

In the Matter of

Naftex Operating Company,

Respondent.

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CPF No. 5-2023-027-NOPV

FINAL ORDER

On January 19, 2023, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Director, Western Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), issued a Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to Naftex Operating Company (Respondent). The Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated the pipeline safety regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 192. The Notice also proposed certain measures to correct the violations. Respondent did not contest the allegation of violation or corrective measures.

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

49 C.F.R. § 192.605(a) (**Item 1**) — Respondent failed to follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for conducting operations and maintenance activities and for emergency response, by failing to follow it's required procedures regarding atmospheric corrosion.

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

Compliance Actions

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60118(b) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.217, Respondent is ordered to take the actions proposed in the enclosed Notice to correct the violation. The Director may grant an extension of time to comply with any of the required items upon a written request timely submitted by the Respondent and demonstrating good cause for an extension. Upon completion of the ordered actions, 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.

March 2, 2023

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued