

October 17, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: slayton@ebresources.com

Steve Layton
President
E&B Natural Resources Management Corp.
249 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 900
Long Beach, California 90892

Re: CPF No. 5-2023-040-NOPV

Dear Mr. Layton:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It makes findings of violation and finds that the proposed actions to comply with the pipeline safety regulations have been completed. This case is now 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 B. Hubbard, Director, Western Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, PHMSA
Mr. Louis Zylstra, Senior Vice President, LA Basin, E&B Natural Resources
Management Corp., lzylstra@ebresources.com

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

E&B Natural Resources Management Corp.,

Respondent.

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CPF No. 5-2023-040-NOPV

FINAL ORDER

On July 26, 2023, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Director, Western Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), issued a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Compliance Order (Notice) to E&B Natural Resources Management Corporation (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 allegations 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. § 192.481(a) **(Item 1)** — Respondent failed to inspect and evaluate its PXP Gathering System for evidence of atmospheric corrosion since it assumed operation of the pipeline on March 30, 2018.

49 C.F.R. § 192.479(a) **(Item 2)** — Respondent failed to clean and coat each portion of its pipeline within the Inglewood Oil Field that was exposed to the atmosphere.

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

The Director has indicated that Respondent completed the actions proposed in the Notice to correct the violations. Therefore, it is not necessary to include the proposed compliance terms in this Final Order.

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

October 17, 2023

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued