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LETTER OF CONCERN

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 15, 1996

Mr. Thomas O. Miesner, President Conoco Pipe Line Company P.O. Box 1267 Ponca City, Oklahoma 74602-1267 CPF No. 46515-C

Dear Mr. Miesner:

On August 14, 1996, representatives of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT) made an inspection of your Gasoline/East Texas Product Line in the State of Texas. They acted as a representative of the Southwest Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United Stated Code.

During the inspection, the RCT discovered that Conoco Pipe Line Company (Conoco) failed to install line markers in sufficient numbers along the pipeline system to adequately identify its location. The inspectors were unable to determine where the pipeline was located.

We trust that Conoco will take corrective action in this matter. If you have any questions, please call us at 713/718-3746.

Sincerely,

James C. Thomas Regional Director