

**LETTER OF CONCERN**

**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

January 20, 1998

Mr. Chester Morris, Jr., Senior Vice President  
Mobil Pipe Line Company  
1201 Elm Street  
Dallas, Texas 75221

Dear Mr. Morris:

**CPF No. 48502C**

Between July 22 and November 21, 1997, a representative of the Southwest Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, conducted an onsite pipeline safety inspection of all your facilities in the State of Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas.

During the inspection OPS found probable violations and one item causing concern about the safe operation and maintenance of your pipeline facilities.

The weight loss in 1997 of a number of coupons used to determine internal corrosion of breakout tanks is excessive compared to previous weight loss. There may be several reasons for this weight loss: 1) inadequate chemical analysis of the tank contents, 2) use of improper treatment chemicals, or 3) incorrect chemical dosage.

We recommend that you analyze the current internal tank corrosion control procedures to determine if corrective measures are necessary.

You will not hear from us again with regard to this concern. Because of the good faith that you have exhibited up to this time, we expect that you will act to ensure that the problem discussed in this letter will be addressed. Please refer to CPF No. 48502C in any correspondence/communication on this matter.

Sincerely,

R. M. Seeley  
Regional Director, Southwest Region