

LETTER OF CONCERN

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

JULY 24, 1998

Mr. William Thacker
President
Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company
2929 Allen Parkway
Houston, TX 77019

CPF No. 18505C

Dear Mr. Thacker:

On June 23-26, 1998, a representative from the Eastern Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, conducted an onsite inspection of your pipeline and records in the Greensburg, Pennsylvania area. During that inspection, several items were noted as in need of your attention.

1. Corrosion was beginning to develop at:
 - a. Blairsville Station, suction blowdown valves.
 - b. Rt-56, mp 93.4, stream crossing, where the pipe is exposed.
 - c. Dubois Station, mainline tap valve at the ground interface.

2. The Emergency Shutdown switch/s at:
 - a. Cowden Station is installed on an instrument rack and not readily accessible during an emergency.
 - b. Greensburg Station is installed on an instrument rack and not readily accessible during an emergency.
 - c. Mundy's Corner are not labeled in the pump building or the control room, possibly delaying the response of personnel during an emergency.

3. The right-of-way at Rt-980, mp 23.5 is covered with tree saplings approximately 14 feet high with 1.25-inch trunks, making it difficult to conduct adequate aerial surveillance.

These issues were thoroughly discussed with your representatives during the inspection. Based on this discussion, it is our expectation that resources will be applied to remediate the items noted above.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, or other pipeline safety regulatory issues, please do not hesitate to contact Byron Coy in our New Jersey District Office at (609) 989-2180, or the Eastern Region Office in Washington at (202) 366-4580.

Sincerely,

William H. Gute
Eastern Regional Director
Office of Pipeline Safety

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