

LETTER OF CONCERN

January 3, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Don Bozell
Vice President, Operations
Marathon-Ashland Pipe Line, LLC.
539 S. Main Street
Findlay, OH 45840-3295

CPF No. 3-2001-5001C

Dear Mr. Bozell:

On October 16 - October 20, 2000 a representative of the Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, conducted an onsite pipeline safety inspection of your records at the Wood River, IL; Martinsville, IL; Patoka, IL and Clermont, IN locations and field facilities located within the states of Illinois and Indiana.

The inspection disclosed the following items of concern. Please give these items your attention.

1. At the crossing with the New York Central Railroad on the 10" line (Sta. 8094+73) on the south side, the marker and test station are hidden from view due to an overgrowth of weeds and bushes immediately surrounding the marker area.
2. At the Gieseman Gate Block Valve on the 10" line (Sta. 417+12) both the upstream and downstream interfaces at the transition where pipe goes from aboveground to below ground need to be re-wrapped. The existing wrapping had several slashes and holes in the wrapping with heavy localized rust on the exposed areas.

3. At the aboveground Livingston Block Valve on the 10" line (Sta. 1009+54), there were not any markers identifying the company or contact numbers on the fence around the valve or over the pipeline just outside the fence.

These items were discussed with your representatives during the inspection. They indicated that these items would receive attention. The Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, has received documents and photos from Marathon-Ashland Pipe Line giving evidence that corrective action for items 2 and 3 above has been completed. The documents and photos have been reviewed by the Office of Pipeline Safety and are acceptable. No additional action is required on items 2 and 3.

The Office of Pipeline Safety appreciates your attention in these matters and good faith efforts to promote continued safety in your organization.

If we can answer any questions or be of any assistance, please contact us at (816) 329-3800. Thank you for your staff's cooperation during this scheduled inspection.

Sincerely,

Ivan A. Huntoon
Director, Central Region
Office of Pipeline Safety