

**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. 3-2001-5002C

Dear Mr. Bozell:

On September 25 - September 29, 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; and Griffith, 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 Interstate 70 (Sta. 1433+75) on the south side, the marker and test station are hidden from view due to an overgrowth of small trees, weeds and bushes immediately surrounding the marker area.
2. At the Champaign, IL station on the incoming line from Wood River, the interface at the transition where pipe goes from aboveground to below ground needs to be re-wrapped or patched. The existing wrapping had holes in the wrapping on the topside with heavy localized rust on the exposed areas.

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 item 1 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 item 1. During the inspection, a representative of your company stated that for item 2 above, the transition would be re-wrapped during a complete re-painting of the Champaign, IL station that is scheduled for 2001. Item 2 will be reviewed during the next inspection cycle.

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