LETTER OF CONCERN

January 21, 2000

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. 3-2000-5001C

Dear Mr. Bozell:

On September 27 - October 1, 1999 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 Martinsville, IL and Griffith, IN locations and field facilities located within the states of Indiana and Michigan.

The inspection disclosed the following item of concern. Please give this item your attention.

1. At the Hammond, IN Terminal the piping associated with the pump units and the piping associated with the scraper trap needs painting to prevent atmospheric corrosion.

This item was discussed with your representatives during the inspection. They indicated that the item would receive attention.

The Office of Pipeline Safety appreciates your attention in this matter 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