

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. 3-2000-5002C

Dear Mr. Bozell:

On September 20 - September 24 and 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; Clermont, IN and Lima, OH locations and field facilities located within the states of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

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

1. Marathon-Ashland's pump stations at Reno, Westfield and Anthony (all in IN) had pads placed between pipe supports and the aboveground line pipe. Several of the pads had deteriorated to the point that there was metal to metal contact and there were signs of severe rusting/light pitting on the line pipe in contact with the support.

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