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. 3-2000-5004C

Dear Mr. Bozell:

On September 20 - September 24, 1999 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, Bridgeport, IL, Robinson, IL, Clermont, IN and Lima, OH locations and field facilities located within the states of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

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

1. Marathon-Ashland's records of follow-up inspections made to address concerns of right-of-way patrol reports could not all be specifically related to the patrol reports. Our representative noted that your record keeping procedures required modifications to ensure that follow-up actions are taken.

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