

LETTER OF CONCERN

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March 22, 1999

Mr. Bob Bahnick
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CPF No. 39108C

Dear Mr. Bahnick:

On December 7-11, 1998, and February 8-11, 1999, a representative of the Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, conducted an onsite pipeline safety inspection of Williams Gas Pipeline's facilities in Joplin, Missouri and Independence, Kansas.

During the inspection, several items came to our attention that caused some concern. We hope that you will give the following items your attention.

- 1) Review of the patrol records in the Joplin district found that the Company has a one (1) inch plastic line that is used to deliver gas to a domestic service (Southwest Lime). The O&M does not address plastic pipelines in the operation and maintenance manual.
- 2) There were approximately four (4) pages worth of documentation missing from the 1995 & 1998 atmospheric corrosion survey. It appears that the pages were inadvertently lost. In addition to this, the west run of the station located at the FD 12" to Pittsburg appeared to need some remedial action.
- 3) In 1997, the Company transferred meter sets located in Osewego and Hartland Cement. Review of the work files on these replacements found that no exposed pipe reports were documented. However, Company personnel did indicate that it was done.

- 4) During the inspection, the relief device for Mound Valley, KS was found to be set at 82 psig. The maximum allowable operating pressure of the system is 78 psig. Per Company procedures, the relief should have been set at 78 psig. Your personnel immediately reset the regulator and relief to 70 psig and 78 psig.

If we can answer any questions or be of any help, please contact me or my staff at (816) 426-2654. Thank you for your staff's cooperation during this scheduled inspection.

Sincerely,

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