

Ms. Susan Becnel  
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Dear Ms. Becnel:

The Research and Special Programs Administration's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) is unable to approve Coastal's request for a waiver from the requirements of 49 CFR §§ 192.243, 192.303, and 192.605 to maintain original construction documentation for the life of a pipeline. In order for this waiver to be granted, Coastal must provide an alternative to the requirements and OPS must find that the alternative proposal provides an equal or greater level of safety.

If you have any further questions, please contact me or L.E. Herrick at (202) 366-5523 (online [herrickl@rspa.dot.gov](mailto:herrickl@rspa.dot.gov)).

Sincerely,

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