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Mr. Vernon L. Hill
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Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for your letter of August 25, 1995, transmitting a proposed plan to monitor and evaluate Clock Spring installations made under the February 27, 1995, waiver. We appreciate the prompt attention you have given to this important aspect of the waiver.

The plan appears to meet the objectives of the waiver, and so we are not recommending any changes. Assuming satisfactory results, the plan should provide an additional basis for modifying 49 CFR 192.485 and 192.713, thus eliminating the need for any further site monitoring under the waiver.

As you requested, I have enclosed a copy of the notice to state agencies concerning waivers for the use of Clock Spring.

Sincerely,

Cesar DeLeon
Deputy Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure