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Ms. Kris Brock
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Dear Ms. Brock:

We have considered your letter of April 16, 1996, notifying us that the Commission granted Michigan Consolidated Gas Company a waiver from complying with 49 CFR §§192.485 and 192.713(a), when repairing corroded or damaged pipe. The waiver permits repairs with Clock Spring® wrap, a composite material that is tightly wound and adhesively bonded to pipe.

We have no objection to the waiver. It is consistent with a similar waiver we granted operators of interstate gas transmission lines (60 FR 10630; February 27, 1995).

Sincerely,

Richard B. Felder
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety