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Ms. Mary L. McDaniel  
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Railroad Commission of Texas  
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Dear Ms. McDaniel:

We have considered your letter of August 9, 1996, notifying us the Commission granted 28 intrastate gas operators a waiver from complying with 49 CFR §§192.485 and 192.713(a) when repairing imperfections and damages in steel pipe. The waiver permits repair with Clock Spring<sup>®</sup> 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,

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Associate Administrator  
for Pipeline Safety

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