

April 5, 2001

Information Officer Research and Special Programs Administration Department of Transportation Room 7128 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, DC 20590

Subject:

Data on Pipeline Facility Abandoned Before October 10, 2000

Ispat Inland Inc., Indiana Harbor Works

Indiana Harbor Ship Canal Lake County, Indiana Earth Tech Project 42908

Dear Sir or Madam:

Federal regulation 49 CFR 195.59 (b) requires that the last operator of an abandoned pipeline that crosses over, under, or through a commercially navigable waterway must file a report with the Department of Transportation in Washington DC upon abandonment of the pipeline. This part of the regulation affects pipeline facilities abandoned before October 10, 2000. The report must contain "all reasonably available information related to the facility, including ... the location, size, date, method of abandonment, and a certification that the facility has been abandoned in accordance with all applicable laws."

Our review of available information has resulted in the following regarding pipelines, for which we have responsibility, crossing under the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal in Lake County, Indiana.

Ispat Inland Inc. (Ispat) owned the portion of a steel pipeline located underneath the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal (IHSC) which transported fuel oil directly from the British Petroleum (BP) Whiting Refinery to Ispat. Blueprints indicate that this pipeline was located approximately 200 feet south of the former Pennsylvania RR bridge between Plants No. 1 and No. 3 and was constructed sometime between December 11, 1935 and February 1, 1937 (likely during the summer of 1936). The pipeline diameter varied from six inches to eight inches. The portion of the pipeline directly underneath the IHSC was eight inches in diameter. No records regarding the installation date, last date used, or method of abandonment of this pipeline have been located. Site observations indicate no evidence of this pipeline. Copies of file documents and blueprints showing the location of this line are included as Attachment 1 – Original Pipeline.

Several years later, Ispat was granted a permit by the Corps of Engineers dated August 12, 1946 authorizing the installation of a second, six inch steel pipeline underneath the IHSC, approximately 50 feet south of the former Pennsylvania RR bridge. According to blueprints, the section underneath and immediately adjacent to the IHSC appears to have been abandoned and removed sometime before the installation of the eight inch line in 1974 (see below). No records regarding the last date used or method of abandonment of this pipeline have been located. Copies of file documents and blueprints showing the location of this second, six-inch line are included as Attachment 2 – First Replacement Pipeline.

Additional blueprints indicate that a third, eight inch replacement fuel oil line was installed underneath the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, also approximately 50 feet south of the former Pennsylvania RR bridge. The drawings indicate that this replacement line was likely installed in 1974. The blueprints for this third, eightinch line are included as Attachment 3 – Second Replacement Pipeline. Currently, this line is not slated for abandonment and will still be used.

To the best of my knowledge, I have provided all of the requested information that is reasonably available about the subject pipeline facility. If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please call me at 219-399-6296.

Sincerely,

Ispat Inland Inc.

Tom Barnett Senior Staff Engineer

cc: Ken Hill, Earth Tech Inc.

Attachments

Attachment 1

Original Pipeline

STANDARD OIL COMPANY (INDIANA) 910 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

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Chicago, Ill. March 9, 1937

No.A.434

United States District Engineer 932 United States Postoffice Van Buren & Canal Streets Chicago, Illinois

Re: Your File No. Ind. Har. 4/45 ES

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the permit granted by the War Department to this company under date of December 11, 1935, to install an eight inch steel fuel oil main across the Indiana Harbor Canal at East Chicago, Indiana, about 200 feet southwest of the center line of the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge.

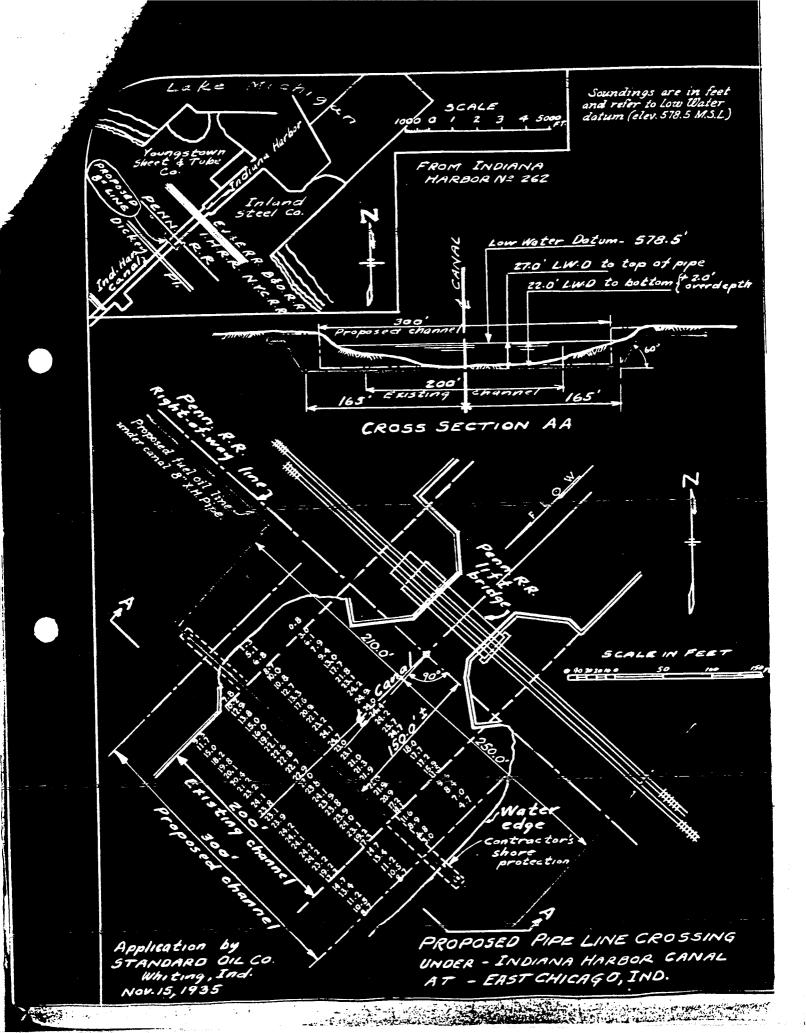
This pipe line was constructed and is now in place, pursuant to an agreement between this company and the Inland Steel Company under which the ownership of the entire line when completed was to be divided, the westerly portion of the line to become the absolute property of the Standard Oil Company and the easterly portion to become the absolute property of the Inland Steel Company. The exact point of division of ownership was fixed on a cost basis which was not finally determined until some time after the completion of the pipe line. This point has now been fixed and as a result it has been determined that the Inland Steel Company is the owner of all that portion of the pipe line located under the Indiana Harbor Canal and which was constructed under authority of the above-mentioned permit from the War Department.

On February 1, 1937, Mr. Franklin of our Engineering Department at Whiting talked with your Mr. Stellar on the telephone and advised him of the above facts and Mr. Stellar suggested that the matter-be covered in a letter to you; that you would then write to the Inland Steel Company with a copy to our company acknowledging that in the future the War Department will-recognize the Inland Steel Company as the owner of the canal crossing. We should be pleased to have you write such a letter and we are advised that nothing further will be necessary by way of formal assignment from our company to the Inland Steel Company of the permit above mentioned.

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Yours truly,
STANDARD OIL COMPANY

By /s/ R. H. McELROY Vice President



No. 4434

WAR DEPARTMENT

-It is to be understood that this instrument does not give any property rights either in real estate or material, clusive privileges; and that it does not authorize any injury to private property or invasion of private rights, or ringement of Federal, State, or local laws or regulations, nor does it obviate the necessity of obtaining State assent e work authorized. It merely expresses the assent of the Federal Government so far as concerns the pub-BIGHTS OF NAVIGATION. (See Cummings v. Chicago, 188 U. S., 410.)

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Ind. Har. 11/45 ES

United States Engineer Office.

December 11, 19 35. 932 U. S. Post Office Building Chicago, Illinois

Standard Cil Company of Indiana Whiting, Indiana

Gentlemen:

Referring to written request dated November 18, 1935, signed by Mr. G. W. Watts, Chief Engineer,

I have to inform you that, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, and under the provisions of Section 10 of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1899, entitled "An act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," you are hereby authorized by the Secretary of War,

to install a submarine 8-inch steel fuel oil main (Here describe the proposed structure or work.)

in and across the Indiana Harbor Canal (Here to be named the river, harbor, or waterway concerned.)

at East Chicago, Indiana, about 200 feet southwest of the center line of the (Here to be named the nearest well-known locality—preferably a town or city—and the distance in miles and tenths from some definite point in the same, stating whether above or below or giving direction by points of compass.)

Pennsylvania Railroad bridge,

in accordance with the plans shown on the drawing attached hereto marked: "PROPOSED (Or drawings; give file number or other definite identification marks.)

PIFE LIME CROSSING Under - Indiana Harbor Canal At - East Chicago, Ind. Application by STANDARD CIL CO. Whiting, Ind. Nov. 15, 1935."

subject to the following conditions:

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UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE

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March 10, 1937

Inland Steel Company 38 South Dearborn Chicago, Illinois

Attention: Mr. F. V. Carroll Chief Engineer

Gentlemen:

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Referring to letter dated March 9, 1937 (copy attached), from the Standard Oil Company, the ownership of the pipe line crossing in question may be taken over by the Inland Steel Company without the issuance of a new permit. The pertinent paragraph from the Orders and Regulations of this Department follows:

"548.1 Transfer of permits - Permits express merely the assent of the Federal Government so far as concerns the public rights of navigation. Although issued to a specific party, the assent is not limited to execution of the work by that party and may be availed of by the assignees or purchasers of the property affected, provided the terms of the instrument are strictly complied with."

Copy of the permit is inclosed.

Very truly yours,

Captain, Corps of Engineers Acting District Engineer

Inclosures:

Copy of ltr., 3/9/37
" permit, 12/11/35

CC-Mr. R. H. McElroy, Vice President Standard Oil Company 910 South Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY

LICENSE to INDIVIDUALS or CORPORATIONS for ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES (Power or Communication) or PIPE LINES across the RIGHT-OF-WAY, TRACKS and PROPERTY of the Railroad Company

THIS AGREEMENT, made this

year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Thirty-seven

by and between THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY, operating the railroad of The

Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway,

hereinafter called the Railroad Company, party of the first part, and

38 So. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

hereinafter called the Licensee, party of the second part, conducting business under the Laws of the State of Indiana, and organized as follows:—(See Note 1.) a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware.

I. PREAMBLE OF OCCUPATION:

WHEREAS, the Licensee desires to construct, operate and maintain certain wires, or cables, or pipe lines, and appurtenances, (such wires or cables or pipe lines as are herein described, together with their appurtenances, are hereinafter for convenience referred to as "wires, cables, pipe lines and appurtenances") across the right-of-way or property of the Railroad Company which are described in general terms and expressed in purpose as follows:—

- (a) Location:—

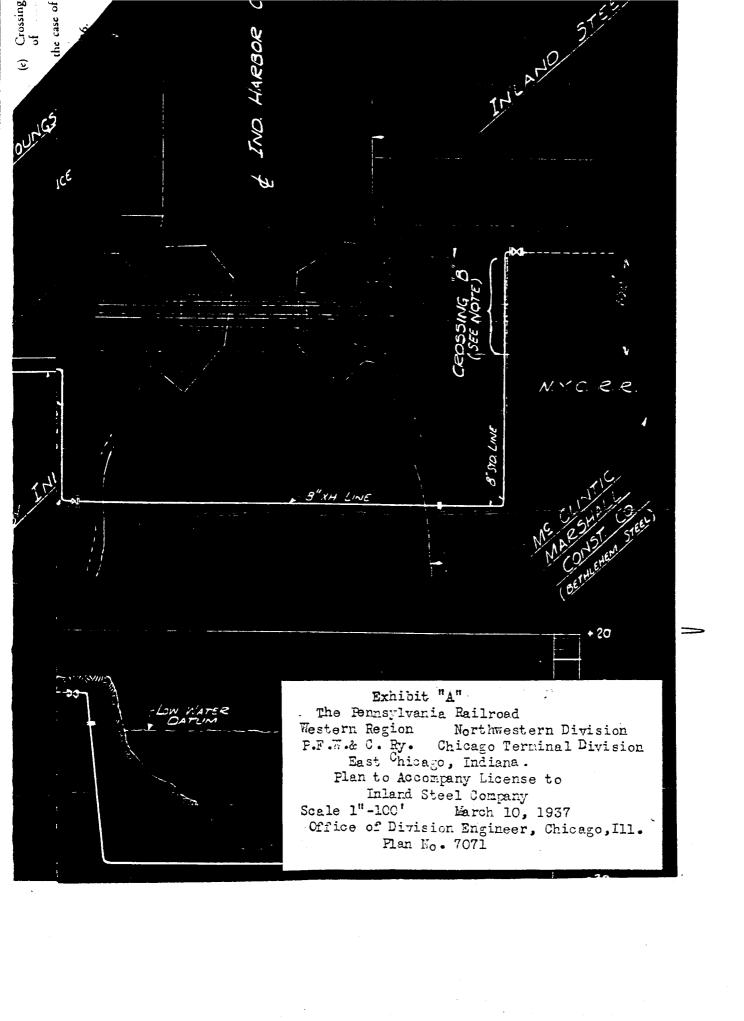
 1. Mile post 448 plus 2307 feet.

 2. Name of nearest station East Chicago

 3. County Leke 4. State Indiana
- (b) Purpose:-
 - WIRE LINES 1. Communication, or 2. Power Transmission,
 - PIPE LINES 3. Carrier or artificial); 4. Oil;
 - 5. Gasoline; 6. Water, 7. Miscellaneous.

(c) Description of the construction (naming pressure expected on pipe lines) and occupation sufficient for determining upon the adequacy of strength and for computation of "fees and rental charges." (See Note 2.)

Crossing of 1 Pipe Line, 100 feet in length, for conveying fuel oil of 8 inches inside diameter under pressure of 150 pounds per square inch.



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Mr. E. J. Block, Vice-President, Inland Steel Company, 38 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

RE: Standard Oil Company fuel pipe line

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith three forms of easement, executed in your favor by Bethlehem Steel Company, permitting the above pipe line to be laid over its premises.

I have examined the same and find them to be in proper form for execution by your Company. Will you also please see to it that the signature by you and the attestation by the secretary of your Company are acknowledged in the place provided therefor on page 8 of the easement.

Inasmuch as the portion of the pipe line over the Bethlehem Steel Company property will be ultimately the property of Inland Steel Company, I ask that your Company kindly make its check in the amount of \$100.00, payable to Bethlehem Steel Company, and we can hereafter provide for a division of that expense with Standard Oil Company.

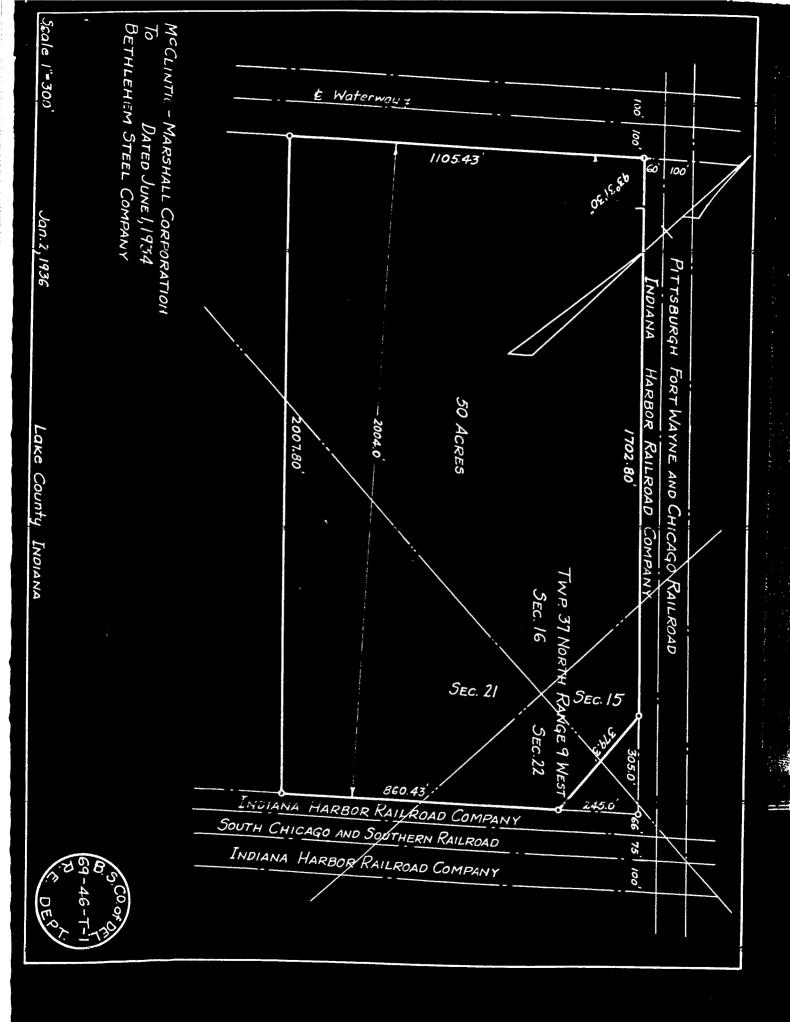
Will you please return to me two copies of the executed easement, together with the aforesaid check. I should particularly ask you to return to me that copy which bears the red pencil script upon the cover.

Very truly yours,

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Encls.

Frank W. Sullivan



Attachment 2 First Replacement Pipeline

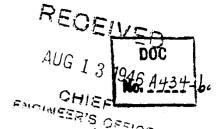
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12 August 1946

Inland Steel Company Indiana Harbor Works East Chicago, Indiana

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Referring to your written request of 19 July 1946, signed by Mr. F. V. Carroll, Chief Engineer, inclosed is a permit dated 12 August 1946 authorizing the installation of a 6-inch submarine pipe line in and across the Indiana Harbor Canal at East Chicago, Indiana.

It is requested that this office be notified in writing at least five days in advance of the date of commencement of the work and of its completion so that inspections may be made while the work is under way and a final inspection made before the contractor has removed his equipment. Strict compliance with the other terms of the permit is requested.

If any changes in the location or plans of the work are found necessary on account of unforeseen or altered conditions, or otherwise, revised plans should be submitted promptly to the District Engineer so that they may receive the approval required by law before work thereon is begun.

The work will be supervised by Mr. E. Van Meer, U. S. Engineer Field Office, East 91st Street and Calumet River, South Chicago, Illinois, or his authorized representative.

It is desired that your field engineer or contractor, or both, be furnished a copy of the permit in order that the conditions may be fully known and understood.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

Very truly yours,

l Incl: Permit R. A. THOMPSON

Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers

Executive Assistant

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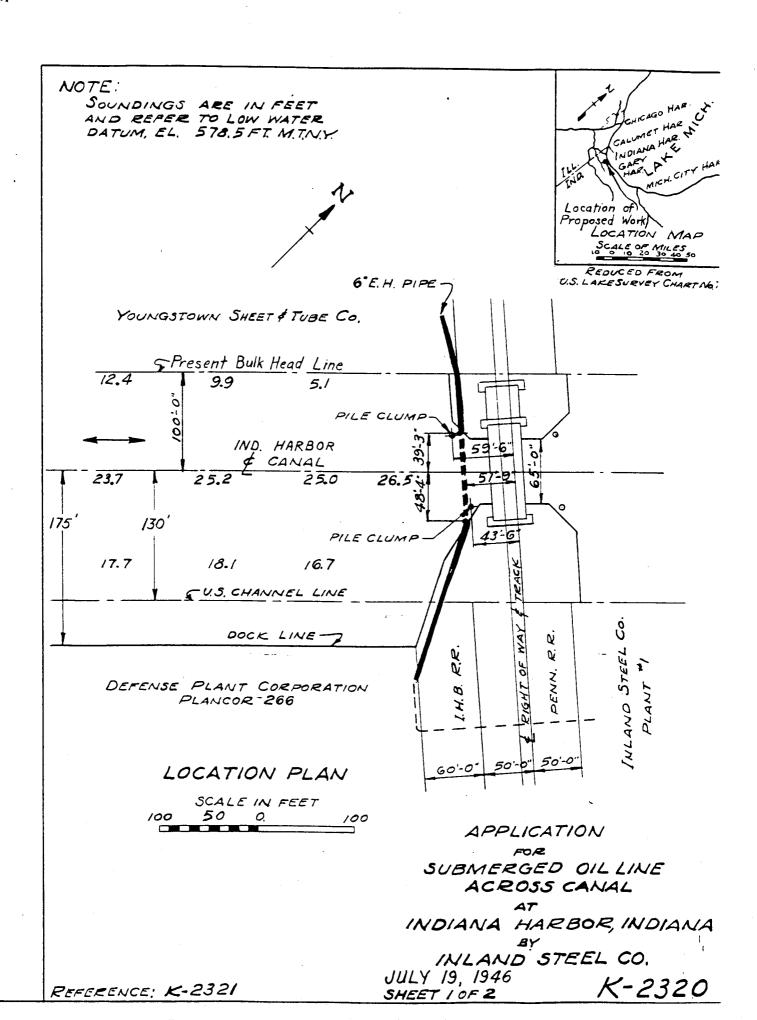
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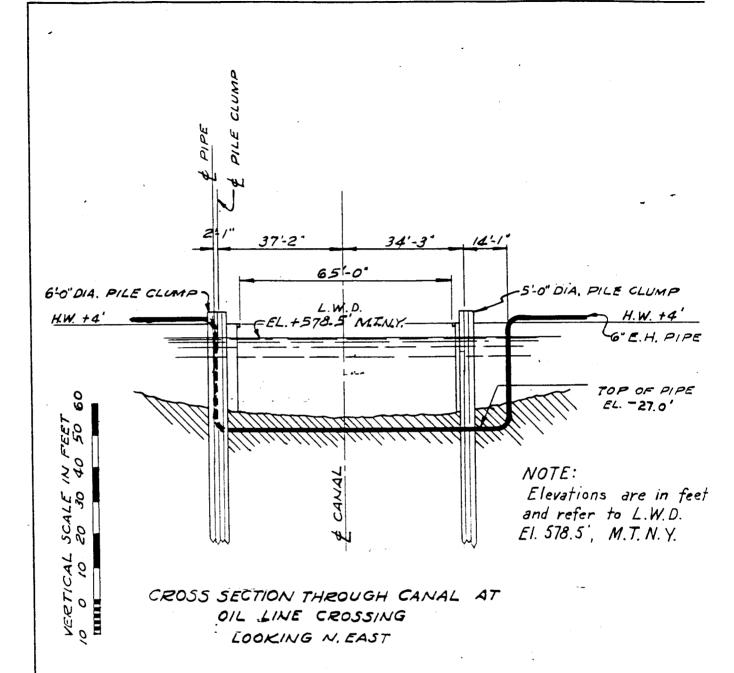
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in accordance with the plans shown on the drawing attached hereto marked: "APPLICATION
(Or drawings; give file number or other definite identification marks.)
FOR SUBMERGED OIL LINE ACROSS CANAL AT INDIANA HARBOR, INDIANA BY INLAND STEEL CO.
JULY 19, 1946"

subject to the following conditions:

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