

LETTER OF CONCERN

CERTIFIED MAIN - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 18, 1999

Mr. Stephen Bienvenu
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CPF No. 28103C

Dear Mr. Bienvenu:

On June 1-5, 1998, a representative of the Southern Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, conducted an inspection and reviewed your records in Mobile, Alabama. The review disclosed some areas that are cause for concern. We hope you find these areas worthy of your attention.

- 1) All valves and regulators must be protected from unauthorized use by any one of the following: (a) six foot high fence with three strands of barred wire on top, (b) a locking device to prevent the valves from being turned, (c) by removal of valve handles. The operator may choose which to use but must use one or more of the above methods. A number of valves were found during the inspection that were not protected by one of the above.
- 2) Two sets of flange bolts were found that were of reduced cross section because of corrosion. The bolts need to be replaced and protection added to prevent the new bolts from rusting.
- 3) The emergency manual appeared to have been reviewed within the required time interval, however out of date data was present which should have been removed.

We hope the appropriate action will be taken to improve these items.
Please refer to CPF No. 28103C in any correspondence regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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