

July 16, 1996

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Railroad Commission of Texas
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Dear Ms. McDaniel:

Thank you for your letter of May 29, 1996, transmitting a letter from Warren G. Rutherford of the PanEnergy Pipe Line Company, announcing the company intends to use plastic pipe in a 4-inch crude oil gathering line in the town of Luling, Texas. We are treating Mr. Rutherford's letter as the notification required under 49 CFR 195.8 before any person may transport hazardous liquid through pipe other than steel.

As required by §195.8, we have considered the proposed transportation to determine if it would be unduly hazardous. We note that in addition to meeting Part 195 requirements, the proposed plastic pipeline is to be designed and constructed in accordance with applicable plastic pipe regulations in 49 CFR Part 192. With this understanding, and since you have no objection to the proposal, we have determined that the installation and operation of the proposed plastic pipeline as described in Rutherford's letter would not be unduly hazardous.

Sincerely,

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Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

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