

## LETTER OF CONCERN

### **CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

June 19, 1998

Mr. Tony Tucker  
Vice President  
Stolthaven Perth Amboy, Inc.  
920 State Street, Post Office Box 590  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

**CPF No. 18601C**

Dear Mr. Tucker:

On April 20-June 3, 1998, representatives of the Eastern Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, investigated a leak on your Stolthaven Perth Amboy, Inc., 12-inch pipeline in Woodbridge, New Jersey. As a result of the investigation, it was determined that your Chevron to Shell 12-inch pipeline falls under the jurisdiction of the Federal pipeline safety regulations, Title 49, CFR, Part 195. In addition, you will need to implement a Drug and Alcohol program consistent with the requirements in Title 49, CFR, Part 199.

We have made numerous on site visits to the leak site and have been in direct contact with Glenn E. Riker, Environmental/Regulatory Compliance Manager of your staff. It appears that the leak was caused by corrosion on your pipeline. We are aware of the hydrostatic testing program you have conducted to determine the integrity of your pipeline. At our request your company submitted on June 8, 1998, a Compliance Outline providing activities which you will take to further assess the condition of this pipeline and bring this pipeline into compliance with the Federal pipeline safety regulations. It appears that your plan dated June 8, 1998, to accomplish the above is adequate. We would appreciate your staff keeping us informed of your progress in completing the actions in your Compliance Outline. We will monitor the timeliness of the completion based on the deadlines that you established in the Compliance Outline.

If you have any questions or need our assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Michael J. Khayata at (609) 989-2181 or John Firely at (609) 989-2179. You may also contact me at (202) 366-4580. I recognize the cooperation your staff has given us in the leak investigation. I trust the same level of cooperation will be provided in sharing information with us as you proceed in bringing your pipeline into compliance with the Federal pipeline safety regulations.

Sincerely,

William H. Gute  
Eastern Regional Director  
Office of Pipeline Safety

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