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Mr. Ken Crowell
ChevronTexaco Pipeline Company
2811 Hayes Road
Room 1335A
Houston, TX 77082

Re: CPF No. 2-2002-5009M

Dear Mr. Crowell:

Enclosed is the Order Directing Amendment issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of inadequate procedures and requires that you amend your integrity management program procedures. When the terms of the Order are completed, as determined by the Director, Southern Region, OPS, this enforcement action will be closed. Your receipt of the Order Directing Amendment constitutes service of that document under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn M. Hill
Pipeline Compliance Registry
Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

In the Matter of

ChevronTexaco Pipeline Company

Respondent.

CPF No. 2-2002-5009M

ORDER DIRECTING AMENDMENT

During March 6-7, 2002, representatives of the Western and Southern Regions, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), inspected ChevronTexaco Pipeline Company's (Respondent) integrity management program at Respondent's facility in Houston, Texas. As a result of the inspection, the Southern Regional Director, OPS, issued to Respondent, by letter dated May 6, 2002, a Notice of Amendment (NOA). The NOA alleged inadequacies in Respondent's integrity management program and proposed to require amendment of Respondent's procedures to comply with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 195.452(b).

Respondent responded to the NOA by letter dated June 4, 2002. Respondent did not contest the allegations set forth in the NOA and did not request a hearing; consequently, Respondent waived its right to one. However, Respondent described the actions it is taking to address the inadequacies in its procedures that were identified in the NOA.

Accordingly, I find that Respondent's integrity management program procedures are inadequate to ensure safe operation of its pipeline system. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60108(a) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.237, Respondent is ordered to make the following changes to its integrity management program procedures. Respondent must -

1. Amend the procedures for identifying segments that could affect a high consequence area to consider spill volumes, and topographic features and other factors that may transport a product more than 1/4 mile.
2. Apply the five-mile off shore buffer described in Respondent's integrity management framework to ecological shoreline unusually sensitive areas.
3. Submit the amended procedures to the Regional Director, Southern Region, OPS within 30 days after receipt of this Order Directing Amendment.

4. The Regional Director may extend the period for complying with the required items if the Respondent requests an extension and adequately justifies the reasons for the extension.

The terms and conditions of this Order Directing Amendment are effective upon receipt.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per violation per day, or in the referral of the case for judicial enforcement.



Stacey Gerard
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

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Date

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