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Ms. Cynthia L. Quarterman
Administrator
U. S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. Quarterman:

In response to your inquiry, please be advised that as of 1986, four operators in North Carolina (two local distribution companies and two municipalities) had a total of 294 miles of cast iron pipeline and 492 miles of bare steel main. After a concerted effort by the four operators since 1986, all 786 miles of that pipe has been replaced.

We look forward to our continued partnership with PHMSA for the common goal of pipeline safety. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Chris Isley, Director Pipeline Safety Section

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