

LETTER OF CONCERN

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 3, 1998

Ms. Karen F. Shanahan
President
BP Oil Company
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CPF No. 28503-C

Dear Ms. Shanahan:

On 2-3 and 9-10 February, 1998 a representative of the Southern Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) visited your facilities in Mississippi and reviewed your records at Cleveland, Ohio. The review disclosed some areas that are cause for concern. We hope you will find these areas worthy of your attention.

The two areas of concern deal with the inspections of relief valves and annual pipe-to-soil surveys. 1) The inspection of the relief valves at the Collins, Mississippi facility were not being performed in accordance with the Relief Valve Inspection Procedure in the BP Oil Company Maintenance Manual. 2) During the 1996 and 1997 pipe-to-soil surveys the test points at 2993 + 66 and 3066 + 69 on the AC-20 line were not read, notations on the records indicate that hunters were in the area at the time of the survey; when informed of this, BP corrosion control personnel indicated that the dates of the annual pipe-to-soil survey would be changed to deconflict with the local hunting seasons.

We hope you will consider these areas of concern and take action to maintain and further improve your present level of safety. If we can answer any question or be of any help, please call us at (404) 562-3530.

Sincerely,

Frederick A. Joyner
Director, Southern Region
Office of Pipeline Safety

cc: Compliance Registry, OPS Headquarters
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