

LETTER OF CONCERN

July 21, 1998

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Colonial Pipeline Company
Attn.: Mr. W. D. Scott
945 E. Paces Ferry Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30326

CPF: 28504C

Dear Mr. Scott:

From previous conversations with your staff, we have been under the impression that you plan to hydrostatically test your 8" Nashville Line No. 20 between Chattanooga and Nashville this year. We want to commend Colonial on this decision. This line consists of 1963 ERW pipe that we understand experienced numerous test failures when installed (many of which were attributable to the ERW longitudinal seam). Also, as you may know, while the major cause of the November 5, 1996 Line 20 rupture near Murfreesboro, TN, was due to excessive pipeline pressure, the rupture occurred in the pipe seam at a pressure commensurate to 99 percent of pipe specified minimum yield strength.

We consider this project as a pro active and constructive step in maintaining pipeline safety, and strongly recommend that the testing project be performed this year.

We hope you will consider the above as constructive to pipeline safety. If we can answer any questions or be of any assistance, please call us at (404) 562-3530.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Compliance Registry, OPS Headquarters