

WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 7, 1997

Mr. John Aboud
Senior Vice President Operations and Engineering
Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline Co.
1100 Town and Country Road
Orange, CA 92868

CPF No. 57503-W

Dear Mr. Aboud:

On December 4, 1996, a representative of the California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) acting as an agent for the inspection of interstate pipelines for the Western Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, pursuant to Chapter 601 of Title 49, United States Code, §60105(a), conducted an onsite pipeline safety inspection of your pipeline facilities and records in Colfax, California.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that you have committed probable violations, as noted below, of pipeline safety regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 195. The items inspected and the probable violations are:

- 1) **§195.404(a)(2) requires that the operator maintain current maps and records including all crossings of public roads, railroads, rivers, buried utilities and foreign pipelines.**

At the time of inspection, Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline Company had not kept current alignment maps of the pipeline. The pipeline segment in question was constructed in 1957. Interstate Highway 80 was initially constructed in the early 1960's. Maps maintained by the pipeline operator list "proposed highway 80". In addition, current paved roads are still shown as dirt roads. Highway 40 which was replaced by Interstate 80 is still shown on the maps. Several maps are dated 1957 and do not appear to be current.

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Under 49 United States Code §60122, you are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 for each violation for each day the violation persists up to a maximum of \$500,000 for any related series of violations.

We have reviewed the circumstances and supporting documents involved in this case, and have decided not to assess you a civil penalty. We advise you, however, that should you not correct the circumstances leading to the violations, we will take enforcement action when and if the continued violations come to our attention.

You will not hear from us again with regard to the noted inspection and our subsequent action. Because of the good faith that you have exhibited up to this time, we expect that you will act to bring your pipeline and operations into compliance with the pipeline safety regulations.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Ondak
Director

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