

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Martin T. Morell
Oil and Gas Operations Manager
Unocal Corporation
909 W. 9th Avenue
P.O. Box 196247
Anchorage, AK 99519-6247

Re: CPF No. 5-2000-5019

Dear Mr. Morell:

Enclosed is the Final Order issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of violation and assesses a civil penalty for that violation in the amount of \$5,000. Your receipt of the Final Order constitutes service of that document under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

I acknowledge receipt of, and accept, your check in the amount of \$5,000, as payment in full of the civil penalty assessed against Unocal Corporation in the Final Order. This case is now closed and no further enforcement action is contemplated with respect to the matters involved in the case. Thank you for your cooperation in our joint effort to ensure pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn M. Hill
Pipeline Compliance Registry
Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

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In the Matter of) CPF No. 5-2000-5019
Unocal Corporation,)
Respondent.)
_____)

FINAL ORDER

On August 2 and 3, 2000, a representative of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) conducted an on-site pipeline safety inspection of Respondent's facilities and records in Kenai, Alaska. As a result of the inspection, the Director, Western Region, OPS, issued to Respondent, by letter dated October 7, 2000, a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty (Notice). In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Notice proposed finding that Respondent had committed a violation of 49 C.F.R. § 195.56 and proposed assessing a civil penalty of \$5,000 for the alleged violation.

Respondent responded to the Notice by letter dated October 31, 2000 (Response). Respondent did not contest the alleged violation and submitted a check in the amount of the proposed civil penalty (\$5,000), waiving further right to respond, and authorizing entry of this Final Order.

FINDING OF VIOLATION

Respondent did not contest the alleged violation. Accordingly, I find that Respondent violated the following section of 49 C.F.R. Part 195, as more fully described in the Notice:

49 C.F.R. § 195.56(a) -- failure to timely submit a safety-related condition report.

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent. I assess a civil penalty in the amount \$5,000, already paid by Respondent.

WARNING ITEMS

The Notice did not propose a civil penalty for Item 2, but warned Respondent that it should take appropriate corrective action. The information that Respondent presented in its Response shows that Respondent has addressed the cited items. However, should a violation come to the attention of OPS in a subsequent inspection, enforcement action will be taken.

Stacey Gerard

Date Issued

Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety