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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 6, 2012

Mr. John Eldred
VP, Safety & Operational Risk
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc.
900 East Benson Boulevard
Mailbox 3-1
P.O. Box 196612
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Closure of Corrective Action Order
CPF 5-2006-5015H

Dear Mr. Eldred:

On March 15, 2006, the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), issued a Corrective Action Order (CAO) in the above-referenced case. The CAO and subsequent Amendments to the CAO (Amendment 1 dated July 20, 2006, Amendment 2 dated August 10, 2006, and Amendment 3 dated April 27, 2007) required BP Exploration (BPXA) to take corrective actions, including, but not limited to, cleaning, smart pigging (ILI), and inspection of the Oil Transit Lines in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

BPXA did not fully meet the terms of the CAO due to delays in cleaning and internal inspections. The US Department of Justice filed a complaint on behalf of PHMSA seeking relief in the US District Court for the District of Alaska on March 31, 2009. A Consent Decree resolving this complaint was accepted by the court on July 13, 2011. In this Consent Decree, BPXA agreed to injunctive relief and a civil penalty and certified that it had replaced the Oil Transit Lines that were the subject of the CAO. PHMSA believes the Consent Decree resolves the terms of the CAO and the subsequent Amendments to the CAO. This case is now closed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Hoidal
Director, Western Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

cc: PHP-60 Compliance Registry
PHP-500 D. Hinnah