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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 22, 2015

Mr. Gary Buchler
Vice President of Gas Operations
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC
1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 1000
Houston, TX, 77002

CPF No. 4-2015-1006H

Dear Mr. Buchler:

On April 13, 2015, at approximately 10:55 a.m. CST, a failure occurred on Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC (NGPL)'s 30-inch diameter Amarillo #4 pipeline, approximately 7.7 miles west of the town of Stinnett, Texas. The accident was reported to the National Response Center (NRC Report # 1113463) on April 13, 2015, at approximately 12:17 p.m. CST.

PHMSA issued the Corrective Action Order (CAO), to NGPL on April 17, 2015 requiring a pressure restriction on the affected segment, development of an integrity verification plan and mitigative actions necessary for the safe operation of the pipeline.

The cause of the failure was determined to be near neutral SCC. NGPL has included SSC threat to this segment of Class 1 pipeline in their Integrity Management Plan for future assessments of the affected pipeline system as corrective measures designed to prevent additional in-service failures.

PHMSA monitored the actions taken within the integrity verification process and reviewed records submitted by NGPL. PHMSA has determined that NGPL has substantially completed the requirements of the CAO.

Consequently, PHMSA has closed the CAO, CPF 4-2015-1006H.

Sincerely,

R. M. Seeley
Director, Southwest Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration