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Ms. Mary McDaniel, P.E.  
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Railroad Commission of Texas  
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Dear Ms. McDaniel:

We are in receipt of your letter notifying the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) that the Railroad Commission of Texas issued an Order in gas utilities docket number 8617 waiving compliance of 49 C.F.R. §192.612 to Reynolds Metals Company.

Reynolds Metals Company proposed to install concrete bags or an articulated concrete mat over the pipeline to reduce the hazard to navigation. Reynolds requested this method because reburial could interfere with the structural integrity of a nearby bridge.

OPS has no objections to this waiver.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Huriaux  
Director, Technology and Regulations  
Office of Pipeline Safety