



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials  
Safety Administration

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Lakewood, CO 80228

## WARNING LETTER

### VIA: UPS GROUND

December 7, 2011

Mr. Thomas Mushovic  
General Manager  
Aircraft Service International Group  
6000 DeHavilland Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99502-0246

CPF 5-2011-6011W

Dear Mr. Mushovic:

On November 7-9, 2011, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, inspected Aircraft Service International Group's (ASIG) pipeline facilities in Anchorage, Alaska.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that you have committed a probable violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. The items inspected and the probable violation is:

**1. §195.426 Scraper and sphere facilities.**

**No operator may use a launcher or receiver that is not equipped with a relief device capable of safely relieving pressure in the barrel before insertion or removal of scrapers or spheres. The operator must use a suitable device to indicate that pressure has been relieved in the barrel or must provide a means to prevent insertion or removal of scrapers or spheres if pressure has not been relieved in the barrel.**

During the field inspection, PHMSA's inspector observed and documented that the safety relieving device on the closure at the pig receiver at ASIG's Airport Facility was disabled.

Under 49 United States Code, § 60122, you are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100,000 for each violation for each day the violation persists up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for any related series of violations. We have reviewed the circumstances and supporting documents involved in this case, and have decided not to conduct additional enforcement action or penalty assessment proceedings at this time. We advise you to correct the item identified in this letter. Failure to do so will result in Aircraft Service International Group being subject to additional enforcement action.

No reply to this letter is required. If you choose to reply, in your correspondence please refer to **CPF 5-2011-6011W** and send all documents to our office at 188 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 520, Anchorage, AK 99503. Be advised that all material you submit in response to this enforcement action is subject to being made publicly available. If you believe that any portion of your responsive material qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b), along with the complete original document you must provide a second copy of the document with the portions you believe qualify for confidential treatment redacted and an explanation of why you believe the redacted information qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Hinnah". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Dennis Hinnah  
Deputy Director, Western Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

cc: PHP-60 Compliance Registry  
PHP-500 B. Flanders (#133347)