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November 1, 2007

Mr. Byron Coy
Director, Eastern Region
U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
409 3rd Street, SW
Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20024

RE: CPF No. 1-2007-1005M

Dear Mr. Coy:

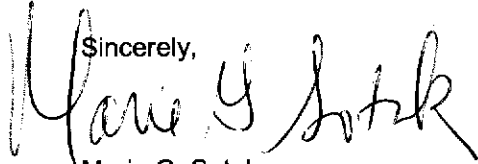
On July 19, 2007, Williams Gas Pipeline - Transco (WGP) received a Notice of Amendment (NOA) from your office concerning an incident that occurred on December 12, 2006 at WGP's Compressor Station 190 located near Ellicott City, MD. In accordance with the NOA, revisions were made to Williams' operating and maintenance procedures that addressed the following:

1. Activities involving the use of welding and torch cutting should be avoided inside the compressor building:
 - a. Procedure 10.19.01 Preventing Accidental Ignition
 - b. Policy and Procedure 10.22 Work Plans and Gas Handling Plans
 - c. Procedure 65.00.20 Hot Work
2. The need for the lead person responsible for specific maintenance activities to ensure that necessary detailed steps to isolate the main compressor units are communicated to maintenance personnel including welders:
 - a. Procedure 65.00.26 Lockout/Tagout
3. Training of employees and any other personnel responsible for completing the hot work permit for compressor station maintenance activities:
 - a. New training referenced in Procedure 65.00.20 will require biennial hands-on hot work training.

The revised policies and procedures have been approved in accordance with WGP's O&M updating procedures and are being reviewed by the company's technical writer. Once reviewed, the revised procedures will be distributed in the next revision of the O&M manual, which is currently scheduled for January 2008. The policies and procedures are submitted as attachments.

Please contact me at (713) 215-2111 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie G. Sotak". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "S".

Marie G. Sotak
Manager, Pipeline Safety
Williams Gas Pipeline

Attachments