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Mr. Christopher Girrens
Vice President & General Manager
Dixie Pipeline Company
1117 Perimeter Center West
Suite 301
Atlanta, GA 30338

Re: CPF No. 2-2002-5011M

Dear Mr. Girrens:

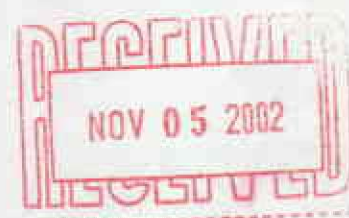
Enclosed is the Order Directing Amendment issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of inadequate procedures and requires that you amend your integrity management program procedures. When the terms of the Order are completed, as determined by the Director, Southern Region, OPS, this enforcement action will be closed. Your receipt of the Order Directing Amendment constitutes service of that document under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn M. Hill
Pipeline Compliance Registry
Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

In the Matter of)
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Dixie Pipeline Company,)
)
Respondent.)

CPF No. 2-2002-5011M

ORDER DIRECTING AMENDMENT

During March 20-21, representatives of the Western and Southern Regions, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), inspected Dixie Pipeline Company's (Respondent) integrity management program at Respondent's facility in Atlanta, Georgia. As a result of the inspection, the Southern Regional Director, OPS, issued to Respondent, by letter dated May 6, 2002, a Notice of Amendment (NOA). The NOA alleged inadequacies in Respondent's integrity management program and proposed to require amendment of Respondent's procedures to comply with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 195.452(b).

Respondent responded to the NOA by letter dated June 5, 2002. Respondent did not contest the allegations set forth in the NOA and did not request a hearing; consequently, Respondent waived its right to one. However, Respondent described the actions it is taking to address the inadequacies in its procedures that were identified in the NOA.

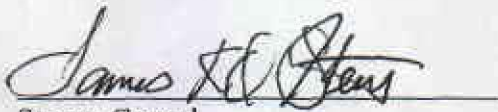
Accordingly, I find that Respondent's integrity management program procedures are inadequate to ensure safe operation of its pipeline system. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60108(a) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.237, Respondent is ordered to make the following changes to its integrity management program procedures. Respondent must -

1. Amend the procedures for identifying segments that could affect a high consequence area to consider the zone beyond the high consequence area boundary and the pipeline intersect.
2. Consider in its technical justification that non commercial navigable waterways, such as streams, may act as a transport path beyond the 1/2-mile buffer for a highly volatile liquid release.

3. Amend its segment identification process to include the most current ecological data in the National Pipeline Mapping System.
4. Submit the amended procedures to the Regional Director, Southern Region, OPS within 30 days after receipt of this Order Directing Amendment.
5. The Regional Director may extend the period for complying with the required items if the Respondent requests an extension and adequately justifies the reasons for the extension.

The terms and conditions of this Order Directing Amendment are effective upon receipt.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per violation per day, or in the referral of the case for judicial enforcement.



Stacey Gerard
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

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OCT 23 2002

Date