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RE: Petition for Rulemaking (Docket No. PHMSA-2010-0009)

Dear Messrs. Bates and Kawasuso:

In a letter to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) dated February 14, 2012, you submitted a petition for rulemaking to amend the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations (PSR) (49 CFR Parts 190-199). A public docket for the petition has been established at www.regulations.gov in Docket No. PHMSA-2010-0009.

The petition requests PHMSA to amend §§ 192.121 and 192.123 to allow the use of Polyamide 12 (PA12) piping systems; include maximum design pressure limitations for PA12 piping systems; and incorporate by reference ASTM International (ASTM) standards pertaining to PA12 Pipe and Components.

In accordance with the petition processing requirements in § 190.333, PHMSA is granting your petition for rulemaking. A grant is a determination made by PHMSA that the petition contains adequate justification to initiate a rulemaking action to consider its incorporation into the PSR. As specified in § 190.333(b), PHMSA has initiated a rulemaking that will address your petition. The regulatory identification number for the rulemaking is 2137-AE93. Please note that a grant of a petition does not guarantee that the petition will be incorporated into the PSR as proposed.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Cameron Satterthwaite, Standards and Rulemaking, at 202-366-1319.

Sincerely,

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Pipeline Safety