

July 14, 1972

Mr. C. L. Peterson
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

This is in response to your letter dated March 20, 1972, regarding the information required for the annual report DOT F-7100.1-1.

We recognize that there is diversity of record systems for gas operators all over the country. But in order to get meaningful standardized information, the form as developed for DOT F-7100.1-1 was determined to be better suited and provide more meaningful information than any other form.

As the instructions on the report indicate, when back data are not obtainable without a major effort to reconstruct prior years, estimates may be reported and so noted.

This method of reporting will be continued, essentially unchanged, in the future. Your company should take whatever action is necessary to compile the information correctly in the future.

We trust that this has answered your particular questions. If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Caldwell
Director
Office of Pipeline Safety