

October 23, 1975

Mr. Philip G. Alter
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Dear Mr. Alter:

This responds to your letter of October 16, 1975, to Mr. Joseph C. Caldwell, in which you ask whether 49 CFR 192.361(f) would be violated if a customer constructs a building over an existing service line and the line is not protected as required by that Section.

Section 192.361(f) is a construction standard which applies at the time a service line is installed under a building. If, through no action of the pipeline operator, a building is subsequently constructed over the pipeline, the requirements of Section 192.361 need not be met.

However, construction of a building over the pipeline may result in a change in the class location of the pipeline or the pipeline's being generally unsafe. In that event, the operator must take remedial action required by Sections 192.611, 192.613, or 192.703, as appropriate.

We trust this satisfactorily answers your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Cesar DeLeon
Acting Director
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Safety Operations