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Ms. Stacey L. Gerard
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. Gerard:

Thank you for your February 4, 2005, letter responding to Safety Recommendations P-04-7 and -8, stated below. These recommendations were issued to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) on November 4, 2004, as a result of the National Transportation Safety Board's investigation of the April 7, 2003, petroleum storage tank explosion and fire at the ConocoPhillips tank farm near Glenpool, Oklahoma.

P-04-7

Revise the emergency response planning requirements in the pipeline safety regulations to include coordination with electric and other utilities that may need to respond to a pipeline emergency.

The Safety Board notes that PHMSA established an action plan to change the emergency response planning requirements in the pipeline safety regulations to include coordination with electric and other utilities that may need to respond to a pipeline emergency. Accordingly, Safety Recommendation P-04-7 is classified "Open—Acceptable Response," pending completion of this regulatory change.

P-04-8

Issue an advisory bulletin to liquid pipeline operators to validate the accuracy of their tank strapping tables.

Because PHMSA issued an advisory bulletin on April 6, 2005, to liquid pipeline operators to validate the accuracy of their tank strapping tables as requested, Safety Recommendation P-04-8 is classified "Closed—Acceptable Action."

Thank you for your prompt action and commitment to pipeline safety. The Safety Board looks forward to receiving further information on action taken to implement Safety Recommendation P-04-7.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark V. Rosenker".

Mark V. Rosenker
Acting Chairman

cc: Ms. Linda Lawson, Director
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