



**U.S. Department
of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

**1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590**

September 3, 2020

Mr. Daniel W. Britton
President
Fairbanks Natural Gas, LLC
3408 International Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

**Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0181
Special Permit Renewal from May 13, 2019 to May 13, 2029**

Dear Mr. Britton:

On November 5, 2018, pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations § 190.341, Fairbanks Natural Gas, LLC (FNG) applied to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to renew a special permit that was previously issued on May 13, 2014. PHMSA granted the May 13, 2014, special permit for a period of five (5) years from the grant date. FNG's special permit request was to waive compliance with § 193.2155(b) for the LNG storage tank at the existing storage and vaporization site located in Fairbanks, Alaska. The pipeline safety regulations in § 193.2155(b) prohibit an LNG storage tank located within a horizontal distance of 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) from the ends, or ¼ mile (0.4 kilometer) from the nearest point of a runway, whichever is longer.

This renewal request includes a design change of the LNG storage tank at the FNG LNG Plant from a single containment LNG storage tank to a full-containment LNG storage tank. FNG's new 125,000-barrel (5,250,000 gallons) full-containment LNG storage tank is located 0.80 miles (1.29 km) from the end of Runway 6 at the Metro Field Airport.

On June 25, 2020, PHMSA published a Federal Register notice (85 FR 38250), announcing the renewal request. The Special Permit Request letter, Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Special Permit Analysis and Findings, and all other pertinent documents for this special permit are available in Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0181 in the Federal Docket Management System located at www.regulations.gov.

PHMSA grants the renewal of this special permit (enclosed) based on the information provided by FNG and the findings set forth in the Special Permit Analysis and Findings, FEA, and FONSI. This special permit provides relief from the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations for the full-containment LNG storage and requires FNG to comply with certain conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety for the period as defined in the special permit.

My staff would be pleased to discuss this special permit or any other regulatory matter with you. Senth White, Director of PHMSA Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-366-2415, on technical matters; and Dustin Hubbard, Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Western Region, may be contacted at 720-963-3183, for operational matters specific to this special permit.

Sincerely,

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Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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