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Mr. Joel Hindman  
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**Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0042**

Dear Mr. Hindman:

On April 2, 2018, and supplemented on June 20, 2018, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (GPLNG) requested a special permit from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to waive compliance from PHMSA's pipeline safety regulations in 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 193.2603(a) and (b), 193.2607, 193.2609, 193.2619(c) and (e), 193.2631, and 193.2635(e) for the Liquefied Natural Gas Regasification Import Receiving Terminal (GPLNG Terminal) located on the Sabine Neches Waterway, in Jefferson County, Texas. The regulations require maintenance activities relating to foreign material, support systems, relief valves, control systems, and internal corrosion control and monitoring.

PHMSA grants this special permit based on the findings set forth in the "Special Permit Analysis and Findings" and "Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact" documents, which can be read in their entirety in Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0042 in the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) located on the internet at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

As granted, this special permit requires GPLNG to comply with the special permit conditions and limitations. The special permit provides relief from 49 CFR 193.2603(a) and (b), 193.2607, 193.2609, 193.2619(c) and (e), 193.2631, and 193.2635(e) when the GPLNG Terminal facilities are purged free of hydrocarbons. The special permit includes conditions that require GPLNG to ensure that all maintenance activities must be up-to-date prior to returning the out-of-service liquefied natural gas (LNG) equipment back into operational service, and additional tests must be conducted to ensure the long term integrity and reliability of the LNG facility components. GPLNG must have and implement procedures for monitoring and ensuring a safe working environment on all GPLNG Terminal facilities being exposed to the atmosphere.

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My staff would be pleased to discuss this matter with you. Mr. John Gale, Director of Standards and Rulemaking Division may be contacted at 202-366-0434, on regulatory matters, and Ms. Senth White, Director of Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-366-2415, on technical matters specific to this special permit grant.

Sincerely,



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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure: Special Permit – PHMSA-2018-0042