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Administration**

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Mr. Michael Peikert
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State of Louisiana
Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation
617 North 3rd Street, 9th Floor
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**Re.: PHMSA-2022-0013 and Louisiana State Waiver PL Order No. 8405 (Amended)
Harvest Midstream Company – Waiver to March 3, 2032**

Dear Mr. Peikert:

On March 8, 2022, pursuant to 49 United States Code (USC) § 60118(d), the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) received your letter that the Commissioner of Conservation in the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (Commissioner) publicly noticed a state waiver, PL Order No. 8405-Amended (Waiver), on December 16, 2021. The Waiver was requested by Harvest Midstream Company (Harvest) for the installation and operation of approximately 4.2 miles of 6-inch diameter FlexSteel pipe (Pipeline) and fittings to transport crude oil in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. The Commissioner's notice indicated that the Waiver would be granted pending a 60-day review and no objection by PHMSA.

The Pipeline crosses the Intracoastal Waterway and is routed between Harvest's Atchafalaya 12-inch diameter pipeline and their Burns Dock Facility. The Waiver is for usage of FlexSteel pipe and fittings that are not covered under 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §§ 195.8; 195.106; 195.112; 195.200; and 195.406(a) for the materials, design, installation, and operation of approximately 4.2 miles of 6-inch diameter FlexSteel pipe and fittings that will be inserted into an existing 12-inch diameter pipeline with internal corrosion issues. The FlexSteel pipe will have a pressure rating of 1,500 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) and the pipeline will operate at a maximum operating pressure of 700 psig. The notice set forth numerous Waiver conditions involving extensive design, testing, operational, and maintenance requirements.

Pursuant to 49 USC § 60118(d), PHMSA does not object to this Waiver dated March 3, 2022, and effective until March 3, 2032, on the condition that the Commissioner requires Harvest to implement the specified Waiver conditions on the Pipeline located in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

If you wish to discuss this or any other pipeline safety matter, my staff would be pleased to assist you. Please contact Sentho White, Director of Engineering and Research Division, at 202-366-2415, for technical matters.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry,
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety