



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

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Mr. Carl A. Ostach
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**Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2020-0003
Special Permit from October 18, 2021 to October 18, 2031**

Dear Mr. Ostach:

On December 19, 2019, pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.341, Buckeye Partners, LP (Buckeye) applied to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for a special permit. On April 9, 2021, Buckeye submitted additional information to PHMSA to complete its application in compliance with 49 CFR § 190.341. Buckeye requested a special permit to waive compliance with 49 CFR §§ 195.116, 195.118, 195.228, 195.230, and 195.234 for certain material, design, and construction requirements for approximately 2,700 feet of 8-inch and 12-inch diameter terminal piping to support the bidirectional hazardous liquid pipeline product flow from Buckeye's Tampa North Terminal to its Tampa South Terminal located in Hillsborough County, Florida (Pipeline).

On May 25, 2021, PHMSA published a Federal Register (FR) notice (86 FR 28184) announcing the Special Permit Request. The Special Permit Request letter, Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Special Permit Analysis and Findings (SPAF), and all other pertinent documents for this special permit are available in Docket No. PHMSA-2020-0003 in the Federal Docket Management System located at www.regulations.gov.¹ The FR notice period ended for the Special Permit Request on June 24, 2021, and PHMSA received no comments from the public.

PHMSA grants this special permit (enclosed) based on the information provided by Buckeye and the findings set forth in the SPAF, FEA, and FONSI. This special permit

¹ <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=PHMSA-2020-0003>.

provides relief from the federal pipeline safety regulations for the Pipeline and requires Buckeye to comply with certain conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety as defined in the special permit. If Buckeye elects not to implement the special permit conditions, Buckeye must notify PHMSA and comply with 49 CFR §§ 49 CFR 195.116, 195.118, 195.228, 195.230, and 195.234 prior to placing the Pipeline into 49 CFR Part 195 operational service.

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 Robert Burrough, Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Eastern Region may be contacted at 609-771-7813, for operational matters specific to this special permit.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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