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**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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July 7, 2023

Ms. Stephanie Weidman
Pipeline Safety Director
Railroad Commission of Texas
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78711-2967

Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2023-0060
Railroad Commission of Texas – Docket – OS-23-00010813

Dear Ms. Weidman:

On June 14, 2023, pursuant to 49 United States Code (USC) § 60118(d), the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) notified the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) that it granted a waiver to INEOS Chocolate Bayou Pipeline, LLC (INEOS). The waiver allows a dent on a hazardous liquid (HL) pipeline to be assessed using the engineering critical assessment and dent evaluation criteria in 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §§ 192.632 and 192.712(c) in place of using the remediation required in 49 CFR § 195.452(h)(4).

The Commission issued the waiver (Oversight & Safety Docket – OS-23-00010813 – Hearing Letter No. 3 – Final Order) to INEOS on June 14, 2023. The waiver applies to a single 4.2% dent on the INS-TCCB-PYL-6-inch diameter, Pyrolysis Gasoline (Pygas)/Benzene Pipeline System (Pipeline) located in a casing for a railway in Galveston County, Texas. The Pipeline is an intrastate HL pipeline located in Brazoria and Galveston Counties, Texas.

Pursuant to 49 USC § 60118(d), PHMSA does not object to issuance of this waiver by the Commission to INEOS Pipeline.

If you wish to discuss this or any other pipeline safety matter, please contact Mary McDaniel, Acting Director of Engineering and Research Division, at 713-272-2847.

Sincerely,

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