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Mr. Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety
U. S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Wiese,

This letter is in response to your June 13, 2012, letter requesting assistance addressing a safety issue and Congressional mandate concerning cast iron piping systems.

The Montana Public Service Commission enforces pipeline safety rules and regulations over intrastate operators in the state of Montana. We have had this program since its inception with the passage of the Pipeline Safety Act of 1968.

Fortunately, the state of Montana has no cast iron piping systems. However, we continue to work with all operators to encourage infrastructure improvements and to ensure the safe operation of pipelines.

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Kavulla".

Travis Kavulla
Chairman