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Mr. Charles R. Kenow
Administrator
Office of Pipeline Safety
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
444 Cedar Street
St. Paul MN 55101-5147

Dear Mr. Kenow:

We have considered your letter of March 13, 1998, notifying us that the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety has granted the Minnegasco company a waiver from complying with 49 CFR 192.309, 192.485, 192.487, and 192.713(a) when repairing imperfections and damages in steel pipe. The waiver permits repair with Clock Spring[®] wrap, a composite material that is tightly wound and adhesively bonded to pipe.

We have no objection to the waiver. It is consistent with a similar waiver we granted operators of interstate gas transmission lines (60 FR 10630; February 27, 1995).

Sincerely,

Richard B. Felder
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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