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September 25, 1974

Honorable John P. Murtha
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Murtha:

This refers to your letter of August 26, 1974, requesting information to use in response to a constituent's inquiry. The constituent asks who may conduct inspections and what training must the person have under 49 CFR 192.305, 192.307, and 195.204.

Sections 192.305 and 192.307 are requirements for inspecting the construction of gas pipelines. The personal qualifications of an inspector which are necessary to ensure compliance with the inspection requirements are a matter which each pipeline operator determines.

Section 195.204 requires inspection of the construction of liquid pipelines. The regulation also provides that an inspector must be trained and qualified in the phase of construction being inspected. Within this guideline, the pipeline operator determines the precise qualifications which are necessary to ensure compliance with the inspection requirement.

We trust our response is helpful to you.

Sincerely,
Joseph C. Caldwell
Director
Office of Pipeline Safety

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

August 26, 1974

Dear Sir:

The attached communication from my constituent is submitted for your earnest consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward to me information on which I may base a proper reply. I will appreciate your returning the enclosed with your response.

Your early action and advice will be appreciated.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,
John P. Murtha
Member of Congress