

March 5, 1971

Mr. Hugh M. Blain  
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Dear Mr. Blain:

This is in reply to your letter of February 24, 1971, requesting modification of 49 CFR, Section 191.5(a) to eliminate the requirement of telephonic reporting of leaks which resulted in the ignition of gas with no injury or property damage.

We will consider your letter as a request for new rule-making along with other requests now pending.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Caldwell  
Director, Acting  
Office of Pipeline Safety