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Mr. Glenn A. Maver  
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601 Bangs Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Maver:

By letter of July 22, 1974, you asked if the use of fiberglass vent stacks on low or high pressure relief valves would violate 49 CFR Part 192. You further asked if Section 192.321(a) would preclude the use of plastic pipe for the same purpose.

A fiberglass vent stack must comply with requirements in Part 192 for plastic pipe. As a pipeline material, "fiberglass" is actually a thermosetting plastic material which is reinforced with fiberglass.

The restriction in Section 192.321(a) that plastic pipe may only be used below ground applies to pipe made from either thermoplastic or thermosetting material, whether reinforced with fiberglass or not. Thus, fiberglass may not be used for vent stacks above ground.

We hope that this provides a better understanding of the applicability of the Federal requirements. Thank you for your interest in pipeline safety.

Sincerely,  
SIGNED  
Cesar DeLeon  
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Director  
Office of Pipeline Safety

New Jersey Natural Gas Company  
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U. S. Dept. of Transportation  
Office of Pipeline Safety  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Sirs:

Our Company is considering installing fiberglass vent stacks on low and high pressure relief valves located throughout our distribution system. Would this be in violation of any of the Sections of "Part 192-Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline: Minimum Federal Safety Standards"?

If it is decided that fiberglass cannot be used in this application would Section 192.321 (a) of the above standards preclude the use of plastic pipe for the same purpose?  
Thank you for your help in resolving this matter.

Yours truly,  
Glenn A. Maver