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Mr. R. L. Dean  
ASME Gas Piping Standards  
Committee  
345 E. 47th Street  
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Dean:

This acknowledges your letter of November 3, 1976, proposing a rule change to 49 CFR 192.105(b). We accept your letter as a petition for rulemaking under 49 CFR 102.31 and assign it Docket No. Pet. 76-26.

Upon completion of our review of the petition and other relevant considerations, we will notify you of our decision whether to begin a rulemaking proceeding by issuing a notice in the Federal Register for public comment or to deny the petition.

Sincerely,

Cesar DeLeon  
Acting Director  
Office of Pipeline  
Safety Operations

NOVEMBER 3, 1976

Mr. Cesar DeLeon  
Acting Director  
Office of Pipeline Safety Operations  
Department of Transportation  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Proposal By ASME Gas Piping Standards Committee to  
Amend § 192.105(b)

Dear Mr. DeLeon:

Attached is a proposal by ASME to amend §192.105(b) along with a copy of the report "The Effect of Tempering on the Mechanical Properties of Cold-Expanded Line-Pipe Steels" by Battelle Columbus Laboratories, upon which the proposal is based. This proposal had been submitted to the Office of Pipeline Safety earlier, and is being resubmitted in the interest of expediting its consideration.

Yours very truly,

R.L. DEAN