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Research and Special Programs Administration

Southern Region Office of Pipeline Safety

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NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 12, 2002

Mr. Drew Turner Vice President, Operations ExxonMobil Pipeline Company 800 Bell Street Houston, Texas 77002

CPF No. 220025006

Dear Mr Turner:

On 11 - 13 December, 2001, a representative of the Southern Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, conducted an onsite pipeline safety inspection of your pipeline facilities and records in Arkansas.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that you have committed probable violations, as noted below, of pipeline safety regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 195. The items inspected and the probable violation is:

§ 195.406 (a) Maximum operating pressure.

§ 195.406 (a) Maximum operating pressure states that "Except for surge pressures and other variations from normal operations, no operator may operate a pipeline at a pressure that exceeds any of the following:

- (3) Eighty percent of the test pressure for any part of the pipeline which has been pressure tested under subpart E of this part."

On May 3, 2000, the discharge pressure at Mobil Pipeline's Foreman Station exceeded the Maximum Operating Pressure (MOP) for approximately 1 1/2 hours. The MOP at Foreman Station is 890 psi and the station discharge pressure varied from 906 to 910 psi during the time period.

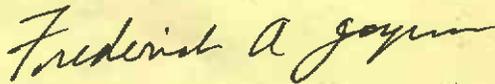
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Under 49 United States Code § 60122, you are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 for each violation for each day the violation persists up to a maximum of \$500,000 for any related series of violations. The Compliance Officer has reviewed the circumstances and supporting documentation involved in the above probable violation and it is her recommendation that you be preliminarily assessed a civil penalty of \$25,000.

Attached is a description of the available procedures for responding to this Notice. Please note that if you elect to make a response, you must do so within 30 days of receipt of this Notice or waive your rights under 49 CFR 190.209. No response or a response which does not contest these allegations in the Notice authorizes the Associate Administrator, OPS, to find the facts to be as alleged herein and to issue appropriate orders. The 30 day response period may be extended for good cause shown and submitted within the original 30 days.

Please refer to CPF No. 220025006 in any correspondence on this matter.

Sincerely,



Frederick A. Joyner
Director, Southern Region
Office of Pipeline Safety

cc: RSPA/OPS Headquarters, Compliance Registry

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