

November 18, 2003

Al Cabodi, President
McChord Pipeline Company
3001 Marshall Avenue
Tacoma, Washington 98421

Dear Mr. Cabodi:

Subject: 2003 Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standard Inspection

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has the authority to enforce the minimum safety regulations per Chapter 480-75 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) pertaining to the construction, maintenance, and operation of pipelines transporting hazardous liquids in the state of Washington. In addition, the Commission adopts the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49, Part 195.

A standard pipeline inspection of the McChord Pipeline Company six-inch pipeline and associated facilities was conducted from October 28 to 30, 2003. The inspection included records review and inspection of the pipeline facilities by Commission staff. No apparent violations were noted as a result of the inspection.

It should not be assumed that this inspection detected all apparent non-compliances at this time. It is incumbent upon the operator to review its operations to determine whether or not there are other areas of non-compliance.

Commission Staff appreciates the professional manner shown by the McChord Pipeline Company's staff. If you have any questions, please contact David Lykken, Pipeline Safety Engineer at (360) 664-1219.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Alan E. Rathbun
Pipeline Safety Director