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**RE: Response Letter
2011 Intrastate Hazardous Liquid Standard Inspection Report
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671 Tank Farm Road
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Ref. No. Docket PL-110008**

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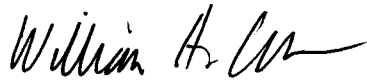
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AREAS OF CONCERN

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From: Subsits, Joe (UTC)
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 8:10 AM
To: Woodard, Marina (UTC)
Subject: FW: Response Letter - Tidewater Snake River Terminal - 2011 Inspection Report (Ref. No. Docket PL-110008)
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From: Bill Collins [mailto:bill.collins@tidewater.com]
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Subject: Response Letter - Tidewater Snake River Terminal - 2011 Inspection Report (Ref. No. Docket PL-110008)

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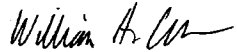
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6	<p>49 CFR §195.428 Overpressure safety devices and overflow protection systems.</p> <p>(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year, or in the case of pipelines used to carry highly volatile liquids, at intervals not to exceed 7 months, but at least twice each calendar year, inspect and test each pressure limiting device, relief valve, pressure regulator, or other item of pressure control equipment to determine that it is functioning properly, is in good mechanical condition, and is adequate from the standpoint of capacity and reliability of operation for the service in which it is used.</p>	<p>Alarm logs were provided, but did not contain records for tanks 2, 4, 14, or 34. These tanks may have been taken out of or brought into service, but clarification is requested. Additionally, at least two years of records (three preferred) is necessary in order to ensure that the overflow system was inspected at least once each calendar year - not to exceed 15 months.</p>	<p>High level alarms for tanks involved in transfers are routinely checked by Tidewater operators prior to conducting the transfers. To better document these tests, Tidewater's transfer procedure and Pre- and Post-Transfer Checklist will be modified to include a check of the high level alarm prior to conducting a transfer. Additionally, a task will be added to Tidewater's compliance management tasking system for an annual high-level alarm test for all affected tanks.</p> <p>After the July 2011 audit, Tidewater's maintenance lead tested the high level alarms for all tanks, including the alarms for Tanks 2, 4, 14, and 34. Alarm logs for these tests (2011) and for the preceding two years (2010 and 2009) will be provided to UTC on or before October 31, 2011 in conjunction with follow up correspondence to UTC to document completion of corrective actions necessary to bring the probable violations identified during the audit into compliance.</p>	October 31, 2011	

7	<p>49 CFR §195.440 Public awareness. <i>(i) The operator's program documentation and evaluation results must be available for periodic review by appropriate regulatory agencies.</i></p>	<p>The operator could not locate or provide records that demonstrated they reviewed their program for effectiveness within the required time frame.</p>	<p>Tidewater's public education program currently involves annual placement of advertisements in the local newspapers (both Spanish and English newspapers), letters to excavators, and discussions with neighboring businesses (i.e., with Chevron and Tri-Cities Grain) regarding the attributes and characteristics of Tidewater's pipeline. This program will be expanded to include communications with the local emergency planning commission (LEPC) and the City Council so as to invite more public participation.</p> <p>Tidewater's communications manager will develop a program to evaluate the effectiveness of the public education program. Given the size of our pipeline, we envision a simple evaluation consisting of follow-up phone calls and/or meetings with affected members of the public to determine if the information was received and clearly understood, as well as to identify areas for improvement. These evaluations will be conducted once every three years. Additionally, tasks will be created in Tidewater's compliance management tasking system for the annual public education announcements described above and the 3-year public education effectiveness evaluation.</p>	October 31, 2011	
8	<p>49 CFR §195.579 What must I do to mitigate internal corrosion? <i>(c) Removing pipe. Whenever you remove pipe from a pipeline, you must inspect the internal surface of the pipe for evidence of corrosion. If you find internal corrosion requiring corrective action under Sec. 195.585, you must investigate circumferentially and longitudinally beyond the removed pipe (by visual examination, indirect method, or both) to determine whether additional corrosion requiring remedial action exists in the vicinity of the removed pipe.</i></p>	<p>The operator could not provide records demonstrating they inspect and document all removed pipe for internal corrosion.</p>	<p>As discussed during the July 2011 audit, two sections of pipe subject to PHMSA regulations were removed from service to address potential corrosion issues identified during an in-line survey (i.e., smart pig survey). The in-line survey did not indicate the presence of internal corrosion. Sections of the pipe where external corrosion was present and presumably caused by the external denting, were cut out and visually inspected both internally and externally. Although external corrosion was evident in the vicinity of the dent(s), no internal corrosion was observed on the removed sections of pipe. Pictures of the removed sections of pipe were taken to document the internal and external visual observations. Based on the results of the in-line inspection and visual observations, Tidewater's maintenance supervisor concluded no internal corrosion was present and no further investigation was necessary.</p> <p>Tidewater acknowledges that documentation of field visual observations can be improved, but emphasizes that both visual internal and external observations were made in addition to the smart pig survey of the subject piping. Regardless, Tidewater will modify procedures for removing pipe to include a check to document that visual inspection for the presence or absence of internal corrosion was conducted. Additionally, pictures of the removed sections of the pipe where denting and external corrosion were observed will be provided to UTC on or before October 31, 2011 in conjunction with follow up correspondence to UTC to document completion of corrective actions necessary to bring the probable violations identified during the audit into compliance.</p>	October 31, 2011	

9	<p>49 CFR §195.583 What must I do to monitor atmospheric corrosion control? <i>(a) You must inspect each pipeline or portion of pipeline that is exposed to the atmosphere for evidence of atmospheric corrosion, as follows</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="193 386 548 493"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>If the pipeline is</i></th> <th><i>Then the frequency of</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Onshore</i></td> <td><i>At least once every 3 calendar years, but with intervals not exceeding 20 months</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>.....</i></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>If the pipeline is</i>	<i>Then the frequency of</i>	<i>Onshore</i>	<i>At least once every 3 calendar years, but with intervals not exceeding 20 months</i>	<i>.....</i>		<p>Atmospheric inspections need to include plant piping that connects the breakout tanks to the transfer piping. The operator could not provide records demonstrating the atmospheric monitoring task was completed within the required time frame.</p>	<p>Tidewater conducted annual atmospheric corrosion inspections during 2006 and 2007, but failed to conduct the inspection as required during 2010. Since the July 2011 audit, Tidewater has conducted an annual corrosion inspection (i.e., a 2011 inspection). Results of the 2006, 2007, and recently conducted 2011 will be provided to UTC on or before October 31, 2011 in conjunction with follow up correspondence to UTC to document completion of corrective actions necessary to bring the probable violations identified during the audit into compliance.</p> <p>Moving forward, Tidewater will conduct atmospheric corrosion inspections on an annual frequency. A task will also be created in Tidewater's compliance management tasking system for an annual atmospheric corrosion inspection.</p>	October 31, 2011	
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10	<p>49 CFR §195.507 Recordkeeping. <i>Each operator shall maintain records that demonstrate compliance with this subpart. (a) Qualification records shall include:</i> <i>(2) Identification of the covered tasks the individual is qualified to perform;</i></p>	<p>Relief valve testing was not listed as a covered task. It is not clear if all key covered tasks are identified. Please describe the process used to identify covered tasks and describe how Tidewater will ensure that the covered task list is complete.</p>	<p>Tidewater uses the Operator Qualifications Management System by Concord Associates, Inc. to manage its Operators Qualification (OQ) program. Review of the program confirms that relief valve testing is a qualified task. To ensure the covered task list is complete, a task will be included in Tidewater's compliance management tasking system for an annual review of the OQ program, during which a review of covered tasks will be conducted.</p>	October 15, 2011							
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1	<p>49 CFR §195.583 What must I do to monitor atmospheric corrosion control? <i>(b) During inspections you must give particular attention to pipe at soil-to-air interfaces, under thermal insulation, under disbonded coatings, at pipe supports, in splash zones, at deck penetrations, and in spans over water.</i></p>	<p>There were several non-removable supports on Tidewater Terminal's above ground piping at the Chevron delivery facility. Several supports had some corrosion product present weeping out between the supports and the carrier pipe. Steps should be taken to ensure that the carrier pipe wall under the supports also is subject to atmospheric corrosion monitoring and appropriate steps taken if corrosion is found.</p>	<p>The angle iron that cradled the pipe observed during the July 2011 audit will be removed, and the dielectric material between the pipe and the support(s) will either be repositioned or replaced with new material. Photographs documenting the repairs will be provided to UTC on or before October 31, 2011 in conjunction with follow up correspondence to UTC to document completion of corrective actions necessary to bring the probable violations identified during the audit into compliance.</p>	October 31, 2011							