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of Transportation

**Pipeline and  
Hazardous Materials Safety  
Administration**

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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

November 18, 2016

Mr. Tim Felt  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Colonial Pipeline Company  
1185 Sanctuary Parkway, Suite 100  
Alpharetta, GA 30009-4765

**Re: CPF No. 2-2016-5005H**

Dear Mr. Felt:

On October 13, 2016, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), issued an Amended Corrective Action Order (CAO) to Colonial Pipeline Company (Colonial), relating to a failure on the company's hazardous liquid pipeline system. On September 9, 2016, a reportable accident occurred on Colonial's Line #1, in Shelby County, Alabama, approximately three miles from Pelham, Alabama (Failure). The Failure occurred on a section of Line 1 that runs from Collins, Mississippi, to Pelham Station in Pelham, Alabama. The Amended CAO provided updated findings and revised the "Required Corrective Actions" of the original CAO, dated September 16, 2016.

As you know, Item 2 of the Required Corrective Actions requires that Colonial maintain a twenty percent (20%) pressure reduction from the highest steady state pressures recorded throughout the *Affected Segment* within 90-days prior to discovery. Pursuant to Item 3(b) of the Required Corrective Actions, Colonial submitted a request for temporary removal of the pressure restrictions in electronic format via email from Drew Lohoff on November 17, 2016. This submittal included Colonial's proposed temporary mitigative measures, as well as an analysis and justification for the safe operation of the *Affected Segment* during the temporary removal of the pressure restrictions.

This letter serves as approval for a 90-day temporary removal of the pressure restrictions required by Item 2 of the Amended CAO's Required Corrective Actions, referenced to the date of this letter. Should any deficiencies or threats related to the CR-91 failure mechanism be identified during this time, Colonial must immediately notify the Southern Region Director and, within five (5) hours of identification of the deficiency or threat, initiate steps to reinstate the pressure restrictions required by Item 2 of the Amended CAO's Required Corrective Actions. The pressure restrictions will remain in place until remediation of the deficiency or

threat is completed and the Southern Region Director approves reinstatement of the temporary removal of the pressure restriction.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or any other matter regarding the Amended CAO, please feel free to contact me at 404-832-1150.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Urisko', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James A. Urisko  
Director, Office of Pipeline Safety  
PHMSA Southern Region