

Enforcement Orders Signed September 15, 2015

Harvest Pipeline Company, Docket No. GUD 10391

Gardendale PL Phase 3, 16"/System ID 961687

Rules violated:

1. The written emergency plan did not include and/or follow procedures for the following items.
 - a. receiving, identifying, or classifying notices of events requiring an immediate response.
 - b. communication notices of emergency events to fire, police, or other public officials
 - c. prompt and effective response to a notice of each type of emergency.
 - d. availability of personnel, equipment, tools, or materials as needed at the emergency scene.
 - e. taking action to minimize the volume of hazardous liquid or carbon dioxide released in a failure.
 - f. controlling released hazardous liquid or carbon dioxide to minimize the hazard, including possible intentional ignition of flammable HVL.
 - g. minimizing public exposure to injury.
 - h. notifying appropriate fire, police, or other public officials of hazardous liquid or carbon dioxide pipeline emergencies and coordinating
 - i. with them preplanned and actual responses during an emergency.
 - j. using appropriate instruments to determine the extent, coverage, and/or hazardous areas of a vapor cloud released because of a failure in a pipeline transporting a highly volatile liquid.
 - k. reviewing employee activities after an accident to determine whether the procedures were effective and to improve where deficient.

Requirement: 49 CFR 195.402(e)

2. There was no written manual for conducting normal and abnormal operations, maintenance, or emergency procedures.

Note: The operator has written Operations and Maintenance manual, however, the operator was in the "startup" phase of pipeline operations and did not have written startup and purging procedures in place at the time crude oil entered the Gardendale system. Furthermore, there were no contingency procedures in place for the system starting up outside of anticipated parameters. Documentation was provided by Harvest which indicated a failure to isolate a block valve at the end of the Gardendale system. Isolation of the valve would have prevented the purging of air in the system which would have restricted movement of the maintenance pig.

Requirement: 49 CFR 195.402(a)

Date violations began: 3/28/2012

Date of compliance: 9/15/2015

Penalty paid: \$20,000.00