IMP Regulations Overview

On May 29, 2001, the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) adopted the final rule on Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (§195.452). This Integrity Management rule (the Rule) specifies regulations to assess, evaluate, repair, and validate the integrity of hazardous liquid pipeline segments that, in the event of a leak or failure, could affect High Consequence Areas (HCAs). HCAs are defined by 49 CFR Part 195.450 as follows:

- ➤ HPA High population area (greater than 50,000 people and greater than 1,000 people per square mile)
- OPA Other populated area (a place, as defined and delineated by the Census Bureau, that contains a concentrated population, such as an incorporated or unincorporated city, town, village, or other designated residential or commercial area)
- CNW Commercially navigable waterways (defined by the National Waterways Network)
- DW USA Unusually Sensitive Areas, which include drinking water resources as defined in §195.6
- ➤ ECO USA ecologically sensitive areas as defined in §195.6

In accordance with the requirements of the Rule, Valero developed an Integrity Management Plan that represents the Company's written Integrity Management Plan and provide guidelines for continual assessment of all pipeline segments that could adversely affect HCAs. The integrity assessment of the Company's pipelines will be achieved through internal inspection, pressure testing, or other equally effective means approved by sound engineering practices and authorized by the PHMSA or, where applicable, State agencies.

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