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Richard Gonzalez
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GI-2023-04-GRS-38-01ABC

Subject: General Order (G.O.) 112-F Inspection of Gill Ranch Storage and Compressor Station Facilities

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission conducted a General Order (G.O.) 112-F review and inspection of the Gill Ranch Storage and Compressor Station (GRS) facilities from April 24 to April 28, 2023. The inspection included a review of the GRS's operation and maintenance activities records for the period of January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2022. In addition, SED conducted field inspections of the GRS's facilities in Madera. SED staff reviewed Operator Qualification records, which included field observation of randomly selected individuals performing covered tasks.

SED staff used the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Inspection Assistance (IA) as a reference guide to conduct this inspection. SED's staff did not identify **any** probable violation of G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 192. However, SED noted **one** area of concern. This is described in the attached "**Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings**".

Please provide a written response within 30 days of receipt of this letter indicating the measures GRS has taken to address the noted area of concern.

Thank you for your cooperation in this inspection. If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Peno at (916) 214-4269 or by email at Nicholas.Peno@cpuc.ca.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terence Eng".

Terence Eng, P.E.
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CC: Timothy Morgan, GRS, Nicholas Peno, SED, Molla Mohammad Ali, SED, Claudia Almengor, SED, Matthewson Epuna, SED.

Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings

Date of Transmittal: 04/28/2023

Dates of Inspection: 04/24/2023 – 04/28/2023

Operator: GILL RANCH STORAGE LLC

Operator ID: 32549 (primary)

Inspection Systems: GT

Assets (Unit IDs) with results in this report: Gill Ranch Storage (86919)

System Type: GT

Inspection Name: Gill Ranch Storage Standard Inspection

Lead Inspector: Nicholas Peno

Operator Representative: Timothy Morgan

Unsatisfactory Results

No Preliminary Findings.

Concerns

Design and Construction : Design of Compressor Stations (DC.DPCCMP)

Question Title, ID Compressor Stations Liquid Removal, DC.DPCCMP.CMPLIQPROT.O

Question 6. Do field observations confirm that compressors are protected from liquids and, as applicable, liquid separators for compressors installed in accordance with 192.165?

References 192.165 (192.143)

Assets Covered Gill Ranch Storage (86919 (38))

Issue Summary Concern - SED observed liquid separators leaking in multiple locations within the facilities, due to improperly tightened fittings. GRS had placed liquid collection pads under the components.

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