



GOVERNOR TERRY E. BRANSTAD
LT. GOVERNOR KIM REYNOLDS

ELIZABETH S. JACOBS, CHAIR
DARRELL HANSON, BOARD MEMBER
SWATI A. DANDEKAR, BOARD MEMBER

July 30, 2012

Mr. David Appelbaum
PHMSA Office of Pipeline Safety
East Building, Room E22-321
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Update on Status of Iowa Pipeline Infrastructure

Dear Mr. Appelbaum:

By letter dated June 13, 2012, Mr. Jeffrey Wiese, Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), requested an update on the status of state pipeline infrastructure, especially regarding cast iron pipe. The letter instructed that responses were to be addressed to you.

Iowa responded to PHMSA's original request for infrastructure information by letter dated April 12, 2011. That letter is posted on PHMSA's website. The information in that letter remains generally accurate and current. However, we will provide an update on the status of cast iron pipe replacement.

In the 2011 letter we reported that Iowa had 22 miles of cast iron pipe remaining. That has since been reduced to approximately 18 miles. All cast iron pipe in Iowa is owned by a single operator, and they have stated their intent to have it all removed by the end of 2014.

We trust this is responsive to the PHMSA request for update. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Don Stursma, Manager of our Safety and Engineering Section at this address, at 515-725-7352, or at don.stursma@iub.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth S. Jacobs".

Elizabeth S. Jacobs
Chair