system was not sufficiently effective in preventing external corrosion on portions of the buried piping.

Alyeska estimates 14,500 linear feet of piping was originally installed subject to the 1976 waiver. To date, Alyeska has rerouted approximately 11,000 linear feet of above ground piping or installed cathodic protection with a design meeting the requirements of 195.238(a)(5) and 195.2424(a). In general, this rerouting or repair was made on areas with the greatest corrosion. For the remaining approximately 3500 feet of below ground insulated piping, RSPA proposes to prohibit any further use of thermal insulation design installed during construction and to amend the waiver on the existing insulated piping subject to the following stipulations: 1. At Pump Station No. 1. In 1995, Alyeska will install an insulated box containing cathodic protection on approximately 450 feet of 48-inch mainline piping and will also complete tie-in of the 2-inch fuel gas separator drain line. This will complete the installation of cathodic protection to all active piping at Pump Station No. 1 that is subject to 49 CFR 195.

- 2. At Pump Station No. 2. Alyeska will conduct annual sample inspections of approximately 220 feet of piping for injurious corrosion and repair as required until pump station No. 2 is removed from service.
- 3. Pump Station No. 5 piping subject to this amendment is approximately 1490 feet. At Pump Station No. 5 Alyeska will either:

Å. Install insulated boxes containing cathodic protection or move the piping above ground by December 31, 1996; or,

- B. If Alyeska determines by September 1995 that Pump Station No. 5 will be removed from service prior to December 31, 1999, continue to perform annual sample inspections for corrosion and repair as required until Pump Station No. 5 is removed from service.
- 4. The North Pole Meter Station piping subject to this amendment and

extension is approximately 560 feet between the 48-inch mainline and the meter building. At the North Pole Meter Station Alyeska will either:

A. Provide cathodic protection to existing 8-inch crude supply and 6-inch residuum return piping by December 31, 1996, and conduct sample inspections for corrosion in 1995, or

B. Upgrade the meter station connection and replace with new larger diameter piping meeting 49 CFR Part 195 requirements by December 31, 1996.

5. At transition piping at pump stations and Valdez Marine Terminal (VMT), the above ground insulated piping that transitions to below ground non-insulated piping occurs at the seven non-permafrost stations (pump station No. 4 and Nos. 7–12) and the VMT. Typical repair consists of removal of the below ground insulation and coating, followed by coating replacement and an outer mechanical protective layer. Alyeska will repair and complete inspections of ten percent of the insulated transitions at each of the applicable pump stations and at VMT by the end of 1995.

Inspections of ten percent of the transitions were completed at each of the pump stations 4, 9, and 12 in 1994 with the following results: PS–4, two transitions inspected with no corrosion; PS–9, three transitions inspected, two with no corrosion and one with slight corrosion with a 65 mil pit; and PS–12, three transitions inspected with no corrosion at two locations and less than 30 mils pitting at the other location. A total of five transitions were inspected at the VMT in 1994, a total of five per cent, with no corrosion found at any location.

In 1995, Alyeska will conduct inspections of ten percent of the transitions at pump stations Nos. 7,8,10, and 11 and an additional five transitions at VMT. Alyeska will continue an inspection and repair program based upon the results of these and future inspections. Transition piping subject to

this amendment and extension is approximately 800 feet.

For the purpose of this amendment sample inspect/sample inspection means to excavate and expose a portion of a line segment, typically 3 feet to 20 feet in length, for the purpose of visual examination and measurement of corrosion. Portions of pipe segments with no inspection information will be given priority, and reinspection frequency will be based upon the severity of corrosion found, line service, and pipe accessibility. The maximum interval for sample inspection will not exceed 5 years.

Injurious corrosion means corrosion to the extent that replacement or repair is required as determined by 49 CFR 195.416(h). Repair means structural repair of piping and/or coating repairs.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed amendment to waiver by submitting in duplicate such data, views, or arguments as they may desire. RSPA specifically requests comments on the adequacy of the proposed action regarding 195.238(a)(5) and 195.242(a). Comments should identify the Docket and Notice numbers, and be submitted to the Dockets Unit, Room 8421, Research and Special Programs Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590.

All comments received before July 24, 1995 will be considered before final action is taken. Late filed comments will be considered as practicable. No public hearing is contemplated, but one may be held at a time and place set in a Notice in the **Federal Register** if requested by an interested person desiring to comment at a public hearing and raising a genuine issue.

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