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Dear Ms. Inmann:

Thank you for your letter of July 23 concerning the Western Governor's Association resolution on pipeline and refinery adequacy and safety. I have designated Mr. Christopher Hoidal, Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA), Office of Pipeline Safety, Western Regional Director, as the Department of Transportation's point of contact on this effort. Mr. Hoidal is located in our Western Region, Lakewood, Colorado office, and he can be reached at (720) 963-3160.

Our Western Region is very much aware of your concerns and looks forward to working with your staff on achieving the resolution objectives and identifying best practices.

If I can provide further assistance, please call me or James Wiggins, Director of Policy and Program Support at (202) 366-4831.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel G. Bonasso
Deputy Administrator