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Ken

Thanks for the phone discussion yesterday.

Just to recap Sumeet's description, our QC process identified a job where coating used on one elbow of a 1300' section of new 6" steel gas transmission pipe was beyond its manufacturer-specified expiration date. The job consisted of a new service installation to a facility on the Stanford Campus in Palo Alto, and work was performed in April - May, 2014.

The crew also used a coating holiday detector ("jeep tool") operating at a lower setting than called for in our internal procedures (2100V vs 2500V).

In both the case of the expiration date and the jeep tool voltage setting, we have confirmed with the manufacturer (Denso Company relative to their Protal 7200 epoxy-based coating and the required settings for the jeep tool) that the work was conducted in a technically acceptable manner. The shelf life of the coating is 2-5 years, and coating for this job had a July 2013 expiration date.

For further validation, we will conduct above ground testing of the elbow and the entire length of the job using a Close Interval Survey and Direct Current Voltage Gradient test. As we also mentioned, we are fully investigating and taking all appropriate and necessary actions regarding the individuals who misrepresented their work on this project, and we are also reviewing other work that was done by this crew.

As discussed, we will provide you with an update during the week of August 4.

Thanks again for your time yesterday – and enjoy your vacation.

Regards,

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