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*Categorical
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Mr. William L. Wheeler
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Springfield, Illinois 62701-1512

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Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Tenneco Energy, on behalf of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, requests an update of the categorical clearance agreement with your office for the following minor construction activities.

- 1) Construction and other activities on existing right-of-way*, including the installation, maintenance or abandonment of taps, meters, regulators, valves, and pipe; (* - with the exception of streams, rivers, and other waterbodies)
- 2) Construction and other activities within existing facilities such as compressor stations and metering facilities, except if the activity involves alteration of a building 50 years old or older that is not part of the existing pipeline system; and
- 3) Activities which do not involve earth disturbance.

In an effort to remain current with agency policies, this agreement will be effective January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year. Tenneco Energy will submit an annual update request at least 30 days prior to the expiration date.

Please note that effective at some date after January 1, 1997, Tenneco Inc. (the parent company of TGP) has entered into an agreement to merge with El Paso Energy Corporation. After the merger, TGP will become a subsidiary of El Paso Energy.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (713) 757-5687. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mike Trammel

Mike Trammel
Contract Environmental Specialist

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By: *Anne E. Haack*
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