



## Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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### Letter of Concern

September 14, 2020

Report # I202007

Pat Darras  
Intermountain Gas Company  
400 N 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Bismarck, ND 58501

Dear Mr. Darras:

On 31 Aug-2 Sep, 2020, representatives of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Pipeline Safety, pursuant to Chapter 601 of Title 49, United States Code, conducted an onsite specialized field inspection in your Idaho Falls District.

As a result of the inspection, it appears there are area(s) of concern that do not fully meet the intent of the pipeline safety regulations Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 192 for calendar year 2020.

The item(s) listed below are of concern:

1. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation-OPS 703 (Sec 8), 8.1.5-reads: *If a plug is not adequately lubricated, apply valve sealant. (Inability to operate without significant force is an indication of inadequate lubrication.) Refer to section 6.*

Emergency Valve 700 0226 is not able to be operated without significant force (takes 2 personnel to operate).

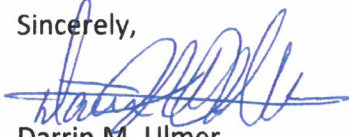
The above mentioned items were brought to the attention of your representatives during the onsite inspections. We would request that you review these matters and respond in writing within 30 days regarding the above issue including any planned corrective actions.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact me at (208) 334-0321. All written responses should be addressed to me at: 11311 W Chinden Blvd, Ste 201-A, Boise, Idaho 83714 or you can fax your response to (208) 334-3762.

Because of the good faith that you have exhibited up to this time, we expect that you will take action to bring your program into compliance with pipeline safety regulations.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and your effort to promote pipeline safety.

Sincerely,



Darrin M. Ulmer

Pipeline Safety, Program Manager  
Idaho Public Utility Commission