

March 27, 2001

Ms. Mary Jo Cooney, Manager
Damage Prevention Program
U.S. Department of Transportation (DPS-3)
Research & Special Programs Administration
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: Damage Prevention Grant Program

Dear Ms. Cooney:

The importance of establishing a new, more accurate pipeline and underground utility base map for Mississippi cannot be underestimated. According to the Mississippi Public Service Commission, current mapping technology may yield errors as great as 400 feet from actual pipeline and underground utilities. Therefore, I support the Mississippi Public Service Commission as the lead agency for application of the Damage Prevention Grant Program.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Boyd, Policy & Planning Director, of my staff at (601) 359-2971.

Very truly yours,

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