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**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration**

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Mr. Ben Barrett  
DG Advisor, LLC

Ref. No.: 14-0097

Dear Mr. Barrett:

This is in response to your email dated May 19, 2014, requesting clarification of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) relating to recent removal of Packing Instruction US 1 from § 173.62. You ask whether this action was intentional.

Due to an editorial error, § 173.62 Packing Instruction US 1 was inadvertently deleted in a final rule published on the January 7, 2013 under Docket No. PHMSA-2012-0027 [78 FR 988] (HM-215L). PHMSA is working with the Government Printing Office to correct the error and reinstate Packing Instruction US 1. During the interim, § 173.62 Packing Instruction US 1 in effect on December 31, 2012, may continue to be used.

I trust this information is helpful. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shane C. Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Shane C. Kelley  
Acting International Standards Coordinator  
Standards and Rulemaking Division

Wiener  
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**Drakeford, Carolyn (PHMSA)**

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**From:** Wiener, Aaron (PHMSA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 9:34 AM  
**To:** Drakeford, Carolyn (PHMSA)  
**Cc:** Dodd, Alice (PHMSA); Goodall, Shante CTR (PHMSA)  
**Subject:** New Interp

Packing Instructions  
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**From:** Ben Barrett [<mailto:ben.barrett@dgadvisor.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2014 11:09 AM  
**To:** Betts, Charles (PHMSA)  
**Subject:** Packing Instruction US 1

Dear Charles,

I heard that this packing instruction for perforating guns in the US was deleted, and I do not see it in the online CFR. It is the basis for the operation of the oil well industry. Are you aware of this, and was it intentional or is it an error that will be fixed? What should the industry be told during the interim?

I was in the office a few weeks back, sorry to have missed you. You might give me a call if you have time.

Best Regards,  
Ben

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