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Dear Mr Wettig

I am writing to you on behalf of UKOPA with regard to the proposed European Pipeline Safety Instrument.

UKOPA (the United Kingdom Onshore Pipeline Operators Association) is a forum through which onshore pipeline operators in the UK share knowledge and experience, and influence the development of legislation and technical standards. The main group meets on a regular basis throughout the year and is supported by a number of Technical Committees. The group includes all of the major onshore pipeline operators in the UK including Transco, BP, Shell and Huntsman.

UKOPA have seen a copy of the draft Safety Instrument and have a number of concerns about the practicalities of some of the proposals. We would appreciate the opportunity to communicate our concerns to the European Commission. Could you advise us how we can feed our comments into the consultation process for the proposed Safety Instrument?

Could you also provide UKOPA with an update on the proposed timescales for the development and implementation of the proposed Safety Instrument and associated consultation process?

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Yours sincerely

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