

**Interview of Arthur Thames – 8/30/00**

NTSB Interview with Zimmerman - NTSB  
Chris Payne - OPS ; Robert Rojas EL Paso  
8/30/00 4:40pm

Arthur Loyd Thames Jal pipeline/odessa  
goes by Loyd Complex

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30 years of pipeline service  
Responsibilities - Measurement  
pipeline patrol 1100, 1103, & 1110 pipeline  
some additional lines @ Jal

Texas New Mexico Tank Farm - Started 6/5/00  
on this assignment.

Every time that he is in this area,  
he blows down the lines on 1110 & 1103 which  
is at least twice a month. If he is there 2 days in a row  
he will blow down.  
Varying amounts of fluid, if it has been  
a few weeks - it could take 5 minutes  
to blow it down each. other times perhaps  
2 minutes. It hasn't been plugged since June.

Last blowdown was Friday, Aug 18, 2pm.  
He can hear fluid moving through the valve  
and it really gets noisy when the gas  
starts blowing through the valve. If valve  
open to far it will draw gas - must shut it till  
fluid runs back and crack it open again.

signatures: Cliff Zimmerman Arthur L. Thames, Robert Rojas  
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