



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

Office of the Chairman

February 20, 2001

Mr. Edward A. Brigham
Acting Deputy Administrator
Research and Special Programs Administration
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Brigham:

The National Transportation Safety Board is reviewing its records for safety recommendations for which we have had no recent correspondence.

On June 29, 2000, as a result of the Board's investigation of two cargo tank unloading incidents that occurred in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 19, 1998, and in Whitehall, Michigan, on June 4, 1999, the Safety Board issued Safety Recommendation I-00-6, stated below, asking that the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) do the following:

I-00-6

Within 1 year of the issuance of this safety recommendation, complete rulemaking on Docket HM-223 "Applicability of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to Loading, Unloading, and Storage," to establish, for all modes of transportation, safety requirements for loading and unloading hazardous materials.

On September 25, 2000, based on information provided by RSPA in a letter dated July 21, 2000, Safety Recommendation I-00-6 was classified "Open—Unacceptable Response." At that time, the Safety Board urged RSPA to complete rulemaking on Docket HM-223. To date, however, the Safety Board has received no further response from RSPA concerning this recommendation. We would appreciate learning what action has taken place since July 2000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol J. Carmody".

Carol J. Carmody
Acting Chairman

cc: Mr. Robert Clarke, Safety and Health Team Leader
Office of Transportation Policy Development

