



# National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

Office of the Chairman

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Honorable Kelley S. Coyner  
Administrator  
Research and Special Programs Administration  
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Dear Ms. Coyner:

The National Transportation Safety Board is reviewing the status of safety recommendations for which we have received no recent correspondence.

On August 12, 1998, the Safety Board issued Safety Recommendation A-98-80, stated below, to the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA). This recommendation was issued as a result of the Safety Board's investigation of the September 5, 1996, emergency landing and destruction by fire of a Federal Express DC-10-10CF, N68055, at Stewart International Airport in Newburgh, New York.

## A-98-80

Require, within 2 years, that air carriers transporting hazardous materials have the means, 24 hours per day, to quickly retrieve and provide consolidated specific information about the identity (including proper shipping name), hazard class, quantity, number of packages, and location of all hazardous materials on an airplane in a timely manner to emergency responders.

The last communication to the Board from RSPA concerning this recommendation was dated September 30, 1998. Please inform the Board of RSPA's current and planned activities in response to this recommendation, and the planned completion date of these activities. RSPA's response to this recommendation may be discussed at a Board meeting currently scheduled for July 25, 2000, involving Federal Express.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Hall  
Chairman

cc: Mr. Robert Clarke, Safety and Health Team Leader  
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