



National Transportation Safety Board

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Office of the Chairman

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Honorable Kelley S. Coyner
Administrator
Research and Special Programs Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
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Dear Ms. Coyner:

Thank you for the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) September 30, 1998, response to the National Transportation Safety Board's Safety Recommendation A-98-80.

Safety Recommendation A-98-80 asked RSPA to 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 Safety Board issued the same recommendation to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). RSPA states that it and the FAA are jointly developing an advance notice of proposed rulemaking under Docket HM-206C to seek public comment on these recommendations.

Pending completion and review of the final rule, Safety Recommendation A-98-80 is classified "Open—Acceptable Response."

Sincerely,


Jim Hall
Chairman

cc: Dr. Donald R. Trilling, Director
Office of Environment, Energy, and Safety

