



November 27, 1995

Refer to: HHS-10

Mr. Jim Hall  
Chairman, National Transportation  
Safety Board  
Washington, DC 20594

Dear Mr. Chairman:

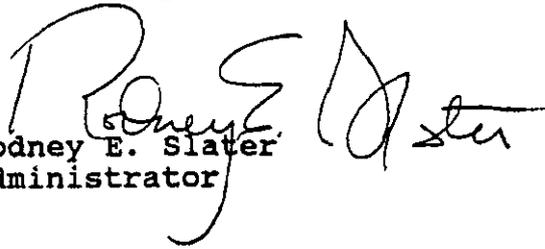
This is our response to your August 1 letter regarding Safety Recommendation (SR) H-95-14. I apologize for the length of time it has taken for us to respond to this recommendation.

The Board recommends that the Federal Highway Administration revise inspection and testing requirements for all cargo tanks constructed of mild and high strength, low-alloy steel that transport hazardous materials.

Part 396 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations requires inspection or maintenance of motor vehicles to ensure safe operation. However, the inspection and testing requirements of cargo tanks as described by the SR are regulated by the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA). We have discussed this SR with the RSPA which concurred with this conclusion.

We respectfully request that this SR be transferred to the RSPA.

Sincerely yours,

  
Rodney E. Slater  
Administrator





U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Federal Highway  
Administration**

# Memorandum

Subject **National Transportation Safety  
Board Safety Recommendation H-95-14**

Date **NOV 1** 1995

From **Director, Office of Motor Carrier  
Information Analysis**

Reply to **HIA-1**  
Attn of

To **Mr. Frederick G. Wright  
Director, Office of  
Highway Safety (HHS-1)**

This refers to your memorandum of October 19, transmitting safety recommendation H-95-14 to the Office of Motor Carriers (OMC). The Board recommends that the FHWA revise inspection and testing requirements for all cargo tanks constructed of mild and high strength, low-alloy steel that transport hazardous materials.

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This recommendation should be transferred to the RSPA for appropriate response.

  
John F. Grimm

Attachment