



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

Office of the Chairman

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The Honorable Cynthia L. Quarterman
Administrator
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Quarterman:

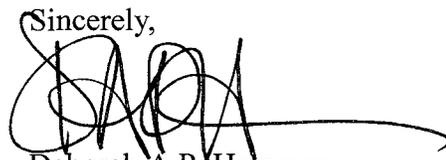
Thank you for your November 17, 2011, letter to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) regarding Safety Recommendation H-11-1, stated below. The NTSB issued this recommendation to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on September 2, 2011, as a result of our investigation of the October 22, 2009, rollover and subsequent fire of a truck-tractor and cargo tank semitrailer carrying liquefied petroleum gas in Indianapolis, Indiana. The NTSB notes that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is responding on behalf of the DOT. I apologize for the delay in replying.

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Require all intrastate and interstate hazardous materials carriers to submit annually the number and types of U.S. Department of Transportation specification cargo tanks that are owned or leased in addition to data displayed on the specification plates of such tanks and, if necessary, modify the appropriate database to accept additional data fields.

The NTSB notes that PHMSA is working with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to address this recommendation and that the FMCSA has initiated rulemaking to replace the Motor Carrier Identification Report (MCS-150) form as one step in consolidating its registration system. We encourage the FMCSA to move forward with incorporating the details of this recommendation into the revised registration form. Pending modification of the form and corresponding database fields, Safety Recommendation H-11-1 is classified "Open—Acceptable Response."

We encourage you to submit updates for Safety Recommendation H-11-1 electronically at the following e-mail address: correspondence@ntsb.gov. If a response includes attachments that exceed 5 megabytes, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. To avoid confusion, please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

Sincerely,

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Chairman