



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Office of the Chairman

March 27, 2014

The Honorable Cynthia L. Quarterman
Administrator
Pipeline and Hazardous Material
Safety Administration
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Quarterman:

Thank you for your January 27, 2014, letter to the National Transportation Safety Board regarding Safety Recommendation H-92-1. We issued this recommendation to the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration on May 20, 1992, as a result of our special investigation report concerning cargo tank rollover protection.

H-92-1

Provide cargo tank manufacturers with specific written guidance about (a) the factors and assumptions that must be considered when calculating the loads on cargo tank rollover protection devices in determining compliance with existing Department of Transportation performance standards; and (b) acceptable means to shield and protect the top-mounted closure fittings on all bulk liquid cargo tanks.

We are encouraged by your plans to work with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to update a federal rollover protection device guidance document, to make the revised guidance and an industry recommended practice available through your website, and to distribute the documents to the regulated community and design certifying engineers. Pending completion of these actions, Safety Recommendation H-92-1 remains classified "Open—Acceptable Response."

We encourage you to submit future updates regarding your progress in addressing this recommendation electronically at correspondence@ntsb.gov. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

Thank you for your commitment to improving cargo tank truck safety.

Sincerely,

cc: Ms. Barbara McCann, Director
Office of Safety, Energy, and
Environment
Office of Transportation Policy