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The Administrator

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The Honorable Jim Hall  
Chairman  
National Transportation Safety Board  
Washington, DC 20594

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in further response to your June 28, 2000 letter regarding Recommendation A-98-80 requesting additional information on RSPA's current and planned activities. The recommendation states:

*Require, within two years, that air carriers transporting hazardous materials have the means, 24 hours per day, to quickly retrieve and provide consolidated and specific information about the identity (including proper shipping name), hazard class, quantity, member of packages, and location of all hazardous materials on an airplane in a timely manner to emergency responders.  
(A-98-80)*

The Safety Board issued the same recommendation to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In our July 20, 2000 letter to you we stated that we were working with the FAA to develop an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to seek public comment on these recommendations. The ANPRM under Docket (HM-206C) was published in the Federal Register on August 15, 2000. A copy is enclosed for your information.

We will keep you informed of our progress. If you have any questions, please contact me or Jack Murray, Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy and Program Support, at (202) 366-4831.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosure

