



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

Office of the Chairman

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Honorable Kelley S. Coyner
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. Coyner:

Thank you for your February 24, 2000, letter in response to the National Transportation Safety Board's Safety Recommendations H-99-57 and -58, stated below.

H-99-57

Promulgate regulations requiring motor carriers that transport hazardous materials in cargo tanks to develop and maintain specific written cargo loading and unloading procedures for their drivers.

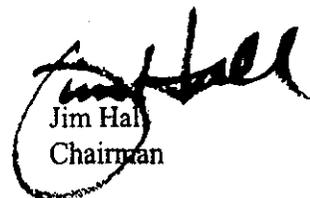
H-99-58

Hazardous materials incident meeting the immediate notification requirements in 49 *Code of Federal Regulations* 171.15 be reported within a specified time period to Federal authorities.

The Safety Board understands that RSPA, in coordination with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the industry, is evaluating the regulatory options regarding Safety Recommendation H-99-57. Additionally, RSPA will address Safety Recommendation H-99-58 in the notice of proposed rulemaking currently being developed under Docket HM-229, "Revisions to the Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting System," including Form 5800.1. Pending the actual development of regulations to meet the intent of these recommendations, Safety Recommendations H-99-57 and -58 are classified "Open—Acceptable Response."

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Jim Hall
Chairman

cc: Mr. Robert Clarke, Safety and Health Team Leader
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