



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

Office of the Chairman

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

Dear Ms. Coyner:

Thank you for your January 14, 2000, response to Safety Recommendation H-92-2 issued as a result of the National Transportation Safety Board's investigation of seven highway accidents involving Department of Transportation (DOT) specification cargo tanks.

Safety Recommendation H-92-2 asked the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) to assist the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to evaluate the design of the rollover protection devices installed on all cargo tanks manufactured by the Acro Trailer Company and by New Progress, Incorporated, to determine if the cargo tanks comply with existing Department of Transportation standards.

The Safety Board understands that RSPA assisted the FHWA in the evaluation. The Safety Board notes that the rollover protection devices manufactured by New Progress, Incorporated, are actually stronger than is required. We also note that the FHWA is taking action on several nonconforming tanks used to transport hazardous materials. Pending the completion of FHWA's efforts to locate the nonconforming tanks, Safety Recommendation H-92-2 is classified "Open—Acceptable Response." 92

We appreciate your commitment to transportation safety.

Sincerely,


Jim Hall
Chairman

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