



National Transportation Safety Board

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Ms. Ana Sol Gutiérrez
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Dear Ms. Gutiérrez:

The National Transportation Safety Board has reviewed your letter dated February 4, 1994, responding to Safety Recommendations I-93-1 and -2. Safety Recommendation I-93-1 urged the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) to coordinate with the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA), in amending pamphlet C-6, *Standard for Visual Inspection of Compressed Gas Cylinders*, to require the use of a thread gauge, such as an L9 or equivalent, to measure the interior section neck threads for acceptance or rejection during periodic examination of cylinders that are used to transport gases with corrosive properties. The Safety Board notes that RSPA intends to work closely with the CGA to amend pamphlet C-6. Pending publication of the amendment(s) to the pamphlet, Safety Recommendation I-93-1 has been classified "Open--Acceptable Response."

Safety Recommendation I-93-2 asked RSPA to prohibit the use of cylinders that do not meet the acceptance criteria for cylinder neck threads established in CGA pamphlet C-6. The Board notes that RSPA intends to propose appropriate rulemaking in the Hazardous Materials Regulations after revisions to pamphlet C-6 are completed. Pending publication of an amendment(s) to prohibit the use of cylinders that do not meet the acceptance criteria for cylinder neck threads established in CGA pamphlet C-6, Safety Recommendation I-93-2 has been classified "Open--Acceptable Response."

Sincerely,


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Chairman

