



Office of the Chairman

National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

December 12, 2014

Mr. Timothy P. Butters
Acting Administrator
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Acting Administrator Butters:

Thank you for your November 5, 2014, letter to the National Transportation Safety Board regarding Safety Recommendation H-92-1. We issued this recommendation to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration on March 20, 1992, as a result of our special investigation report regarding 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 pleased that you have completed your efforts with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (1) to update the *Guidelines for the Structural Evaluation of Cargo Tank Rollover Damage Protection Devices*, (2) to make the revised guidance and an industry recommended practice available through your website, and (3) to distribute the documents to the regulated community through the engineers who certify registered designs. In addition, we note that you revised the hazardous materials regulations to require more stringent specifications for pressure relief devices and clarified that devices for accident damage protection must be certified by a design-certifying engineer. These actions meet the intent of Safety Recommendation H-92-1, which is classified “Closed—Acceptable Action.”

Thank you for your continued efforts to improve transportation safety.

Sincerely,

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