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**Pipeline and Hazardous
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1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Mark V. Rosenker
Chairman
National Transportation Safety Board
490 L'Enfant Plaza East, SW
Washington, DC 20594

Dear Chairman Rosenker:

This letter requests closure of National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendation P-07-01, which was made to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) in NTSB report PAB-07-01. The recommendation to PHMSA is to provide a summary of the lessons learned from the Bergenfield, New Jersey, accident to recipients of emergency planning and response grants.

PHMSA partnered with the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) to develop the enclosed Advisory Bulletin for the fire service, which includes the lessons learned from the Bergenfield accident. NASFM also developed the enclosed gas line break scenario demonstrating the appropriate response to a natural gas leak. PHMSA has posted a link to the Advisory Bulletin and scenario on the Emergency Officials page of the PHMSA Pipeline Safety Stakeholder Communications web site (<http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/EmergencyOfficials.htm>). NASFM has posted the Advisory Bulletin and scenario on its web page (<http://www.firemarshals.org>), the Partnership for Excellence in Pipeline Safety web page (<http://www.safe-pipelines.org>), and the Pipeline Emergencies Program web page at (<http://www.pipelineemergencies.com>).

On September 5, PHMSA e-mailed the Advisory Bulletin and scenario to the recipients of PHMSA's emergency planning and response grants in 34 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and several Tribal governments.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact me at 202-366-4433.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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