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The Honorable Norman D. Dicks
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

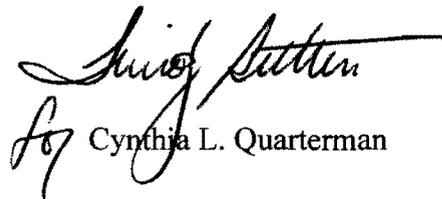
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Regards,


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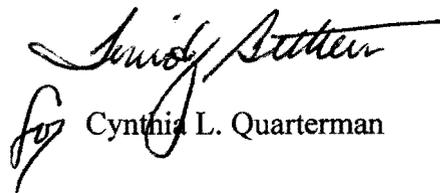
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**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
Quarterly Report to Congress on Pipeline Safety Inspection and Enforcement Staffing
June 30, 2011**

Location	As of March 31, 2011					As of June 30, 2011				
	No. of Inspection/ Enforcement Positions (FY 2011)	Actual On-Board	Accepted Offers, Not Yet On-Board	Remaining Vacancies	% of Positions Filled	No. of Inspection/ Enforcement Positions (FY 2011)	Actual On-Board	Accepted Offers, Not Yet On-Board	Remaining Vacancies	% of Positions Filled
Headquarters	19	15	0	4	79%	19	15	1	3	79%
Eastern Region	16	16	0	0	100%	16	16	0	0	100%
Southern Region	16	14	0	2	87.5%	16	14	0	2	87.5%
Central Region	28	26	0	2	93%	28	26	0	2	93%
Southwest Region	30	25	2	3	83%	30	25	1	4	83%
Western Region	29	27	1	1	93%	29	28	1	0	97%
TOTALS	138	123	3	12	89%	138	124	3	11	90%

Quarterly Summary

As of June 30, PHMSA filled 124 of 138 inspection and enforcement positions, a gain of 1 employee since its last quarterly report. For each remaining vacancy in its Inspection and Enforcement Program, PHMSA is currently advertising it, reviewing applications for it, or has made a selection and is in the process of filling it. PHMSA is making full use of all the recruiting tools at its disposal and is aggressively recruiting to fill its open positions.