



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

Administrator

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
Washington, DC 20590

SEP 30 2010

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Identical letters were sent to the Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Appropriations.

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Regards,

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The Honorable Thad Cochran
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jerry Lewis
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
 Quarterly Report to Congress on Pipeline Safety Inspection and Enforcement Staffing
 June 30, 2010**

Location	As of March 31, 2010				As of June 30, 2010					
	No. of Inspection/ Enforcement Positions (FY 2010)	Actual On-Board	Accepted Offers, Not Yet On-Board	Remaining Vacancies	% of Positions Filled	No. of Inspection/ Enforcement Positions (FY 2010)	Actual On-Board	Accepted Offers, Not Yet On-Board	Remaining Vacancies	% of Positions Filled
Headquarters	17	8	0	9	47%	17	10	1	6	59%
Eastern Region	16	14	0	2	87.5%	16	14	2	0	87.5%
Southern Region	16	12	0	4	75%	16	12	2	2	75%
Central Region	28	20	1	7	71%	28	20	1	7	71%
Southwest Region	30	22	2	6	73%	30	24	4	2	80%
Western Region	29	25	0	4	86%	29	25	2	2	86%
TOTALS	136	101	3	32	74%	136	105	12	19	77%

Quarterly Summary

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