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DEC 14 2010

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Senate Report 110-418, accompanying the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2009 requested the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) provide quarterly reports to Congress on the agency's progress in filling and retaining pipeline safety inspection and enforcement positions. This letter transmits PHMSA's September 30, 2010 quarterly report under this requirement.

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PHMSA is making full use of all the recruiting tools at its disposal. We are aggressively recruiting to fill the remaining open positions and plan to fill more by the end of the calendar year. I am committed to fully staffing all inspection and enforcement positions and making effective use of their capabilities.

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.

If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to call me at 202-366-4433.

Regards,

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The Honorable Thad Cochran  
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The Honorable David R. Obey  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jerry Lewis  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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  
 September 30, 2010**

As of June 30, 2010						As of September 30, 2010					
Location	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	10	1	6	59%	19	13	1	5	68%	
Eastern Region	16	14	2	0	87.5%	16	16	0	0	100%	
Southern Region	16	12	2	2	75%	16	14	1	1	87.5%	
Central Region	28	20	1	7	71%	28	22	0	6	79%	
Southwest Region	30	24	4	2	80%	30	26	0	4	87%	
Western Region	29	25	2	2	86%	29	25	1	3	86%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>84%</b>	

**Quarterly Summary**

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