



THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Friday, April 18, 2003

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This was a week that focused on the surface side of our responsibilities. We had accidents that merited investigation in both highways and hazardous materials transportation that involved loss of life. This is a somber reminder of our larger role in transportation safety and each of us has value-added responsibilities to this process.

As I continue with my briefings with the individual offices I am delighted by your enthusiasm and commitment to our task. Your technical expertise is well noted and part of the NTSB reputation for excellence. But it is your hearts that impress me the most. You care and it shows. And for that I thank you and so do my colleagues on the Board.

As we end this week, for many it is a time for personal and spiritual reflection and a time for our families. Let it also be a time to renew our commitment to the NTSB. Spring will finally (!) get to Washington D.C. and with it, a renewal of our dedication to safety.

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Ellen G. Engleman

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Member Healing, Member Goglia, Vice Chairman Rosenker, Vice President Cheney, Chairman Engleman, and Member Carmody at Mark Rosenker's Swearing In Ceremony.

VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY SWEARS IN VICE CHAIRMAN ROSENKER

On Thursday, April 17, Vice Chairman Mark Rosenker was sworn in by Vice President Dick Cheney at the Vice President's ceremonial office. Vice Chairman Rosenker was joined by Chairman Engleman, Members Carmody, Goglia and Healing,

along with many family and friends for the ceremony. During his remarks, Vice Chairman Rosenker expressed his gratitude to President Bush and his former colleagues for their support and continued friendship.

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The President approved a retroactive adjustment to the locality rate of pay effective January 12, 2003. To see the increase for your locality area, go to the OPM website: <http://www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/2003/AT12-03.asp>

The staff of the Human Resources Division will process the adjustment in salary; however, because of the volume of work involved, this process may take two pay periods to complete. If you do not see an adjustment in your salary check by May 23rd contact your HR Servicing Specialist. As a result of the increase in your salary, the withholding amount for retirement and life insurance will also increase. Check your government life insurance withholding. The amount of your Basic and Option B insurance is based on \$1,000 increments of your salary. If the increase moves you into a different \$1,000 bracket, the amount of Basic Life and Option B insurance will increase as well as the associated withholding.

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On the Hill...



Chairman Engleman met with Congressman James Oberstar (D-MN), Ranking member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure this week to discuss the NTSB's reauthorization. Chairman Engleman thanked Congressman Oberstar for his continued support of the NTSB.



Academy construction continues...

STATE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Maryland DWI Legislation—Prior to its April 7th adjournment, the Maryland General Assembly approved two bills that are a step towards compliance with NTSB hard core drinking driver recommendations. These measures would eliminate community service as a penalty for repeat offenders and mandate treatment (or education) for convicted drunk drivers who are placed on probation.

New Mexico Boating While Intoxicated Law—On April 6th, Governor Bill Richardson signed S.B. 434, which includes both a blood alcohol definition (0.08 percent) an implied consent provision for boaters. New Mexico was the only state without a blood alcohol concentration standard for its boating while intoxicated law.

Thank you to all Safety Board staff that testified and provided support for the passing of legislation in Maryland and New Mexico.