



THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Friday, August 1, 2003

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

With three new Board members added this Spring, our new team immediately focused their energies on results and performance, yielding significant progress for safety. In our aggressive pursuit of safety, the Board and staff of the NTSB have developed a keen sense of mission and been rewarded by seeing our work have impact. Fiscal responsibility, a focused team approach and increased emphasis

on public education and outreach are illustrated in this progress report.

On behalf of Vice Chairman Mark Rosenker, Board Members John Goglia, Carol Carmody and Dick Healing, and the NTSB staff, here are some of our Safety Results.

Ellen G. Engleman



June 14, 2003



June 20, 2003



July 2, 2003



May 20, 2003



July 7, 2003



May 25, 2003

NTSB Accident Investigations

Over the past 100 days, the NTSB team has conducted investigations for 112 transportation accidents and incidents. The Office of Aviation Safety's Regional Offices launched on 90 aviation accidents. The Office of Marine Safety, with less than one full investigative team, launched on 2 major accidents in 3 weeks. The Office of Rail, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Investigations and Office of Highway Safety launched on 19 accidents. The Office of Research and Engineering assists with these modal investigations.

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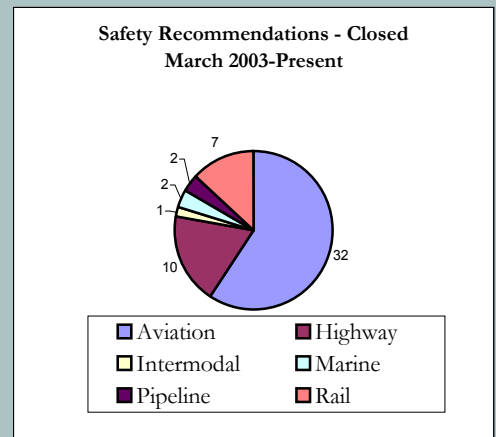
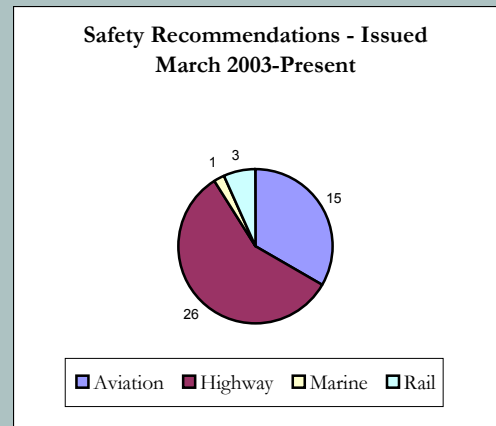
- Natural gas explosion, Wilmington, DE, July 2nd;
- Public Hearing Air Midwest flight 5481, Washington, DC; May 20th;
- Capsizing of the Taki Too, June 14th;
- Train derailment, Commerce, CA, June 20th;
- Five car and truck collision in Slippery Rock, PA, July 7th;
- Cruise ship boiler room explosion SS Norway, Miami, FL, May 25th.

PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS... PROGRESS REPORT

“Closing the Safety Loop”

The Board is focused on “closing the safety loop” through focused advocacy on NTSB’s safety recommendations. Since March, the Board has:

- Issued 45 Safety Recommendations:
 - 10 occupant protection (primary belt/child safety);
 - 4 graduated licensing;
 - 3 passenger restrictions;
 - 1 cell phone use;
 - 12 hard core drinking drivers
 - 8 for recreational boating
- Closed 54 Safety Recommendations
 - 32 Aviation 2 Marine
 - 10 Highway 7 Rail
 - 1 Intermodal 2 Pipeline
- Testified in support of proposed safety legislation on NTSB recommendations in Texas, Wisconsin, and Louisiana and provided written testimony and letters to Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas.
- Presented at 16 conferences, meetings and ceremonies to promote the implementation of NTSB recommendations in an effort to improve transportation safety.
- A total of 33 state bills have been enacted supporting NTSB Safety Recommendations.
- **Safety With A Team (SWAT):** The NTSB is conducting a focused review of all outstanding recommendations with each DOT modal administration to “clean up the record.”



Human Capital Initiatives

A focused initiative is successfully:

- reviewing and updating all employee Position Descriptions to support equitable performance reviews and workforce development as well as better align resources and needs;
- creating individual, integrated Training Plans for each employee and office.

Fiscal Responsibility

Since March, the NTSB has saved **\$250,000** reviewing procurement procedures, cutting wasteful spending and consolidating purchases. By reducing expenditures, the NTSB will be able to re-invest in the needs of the agency by purchasing digital cameras for all regional investigators, providing new training for NTSB staff and adding permanent webcasts of all sunshine hearings and meetings.

NTSB Outreach and Education

- NTSB has made 34 visits to members of Congress, testified before the House Appropriations Committee and has spoken at Members’ constituent meetings.
- The Public Affairs Office has fielded more the 800 phone calls from the news media.
- The NTSB Administrative law judges have closed 131 cases and held 40 hearings.
- The Office of Transportation Disaster Assistance has responded to over 550 telephone calls. The phone calls include requests for information, assistance in disaster planning, training and coordination of inter agency activities.