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SAFETY RECOMMENDATION(S)

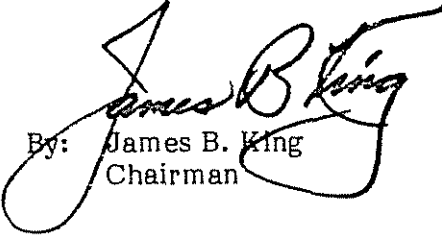
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The National Transportation Safety Board, at the request of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has just completed a safety effectiveness evaluation 1/of Federal and State enforcement efforts in the area of bulk hazardous materials transportation by commercial motor vehicle. As a result of this evaluation, the Board found that the Materials Transportation Bureau, responsible for coordination of all U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) hazardous materials activities, has not succeeded in shaping the enforcement activities of all the DOT modal administrations into a well-coordinated DOT enforcement program.

As a step toward increasing this coordination, and the overall efficiency and effectiveness of DOT hazardous materials enforcement activities, the National Transportation Safety Board recommends that the Materials Transportation Bureau of the Research and Special Programs Administration:

Develop and use a common shipper identifier in all DOT hazardous materials compliance records. (Class II, Priority Action) (I-81-3)

KING, Chairman, DRIVER, Vice Chairman, McADAMS and BURSLEY, Members, concurred in this recommendation. GOLDMAN, Member, did not participate.


By: James B. King
Chairman

1/For more detailed information read "Safety Effectiveness Evaluation--Federal and State Enforcement Efforts in Hazardous Materials Transportation by Truck," NTSB-SEE-80-2, February 19, 1981.