



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

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Office of the Chairman

Ms. Rose McMurray
Acting Administrator
Research and Special Programs Administration
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. McMurray:

The National Transportation Safety Board is reviewing its files to identify those safety recommendations on which there has been no correspondence for an extended time. We have identified 10 intermodal safety recommendations issued to the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) that address the transportation of hazardous materials.

Safety Recommendation I-81-3 was issued on March 17, 1981, as a result of the Safety Board's safety effectiveness evaluation of Federal and state enforcement efforts concerning the transportation of hazardous materials by truck. The Safety Board classified this recommendation as "Open--Unacceptable Action" on October 7, 1981 based on the RSPA's letter of July 17, 1981.

On December 6, 1983, the Safety Board issued Safety Recommendation I-83-4 as a result of the Safety Board's investigation of the release of a corrosive material in tractor-semitrailer truck near Sparks, Nevada, on March 29, 1983. The Safety Board classified this recommendation as "Open--Acceptable Action" on April 5, 1984, based on the RSPA's letter of February 2, 1984.

Safety Recommendations I-87-4 and -5 were issued on May 11, 1987, as a result of the Safety Board's investigation of the collision between a tractor-semitrailer transporting 10 MK 84 bombs and an automobile, and the subsequent fire and explosions near Checotah, Oklahoma, on August 4, 1985. We classified Safety Recommendations I-87-4 as "Open--Await Response" and Safety Recommendation I-87-5 as "Open--Acceptable Response" on November 6, 1990, based on the RSPA's letter of August 3, 1987.

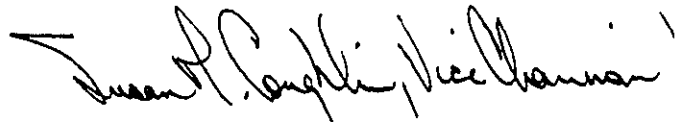


Safety Recommendations I-90-5, -6, and -8 through -11 were issued on March 23, 1990, as a result of the Safety Board's investigation of the puncture of a cylinder containing hazardous materials following the overturn of a tractor-semitrailer in Collier County, Florida, on November 30, 1988. On December 13, 1990, we classified Safety Recommendations I-90-5, -6, -9, and -10 as "Open--Acceptable Response" and Safety Recommendations I-90-8 and -11 as "Open--Unacceptable Response" based on the RSPA's letter of September 24, 1990.

Our records show that we have not received any further response from the RSPA regarding these recommendations. We would appreciate being informed about efforts that have been or are being made to implement these safety recommendations. Copies of each recommendation letter and related correspondence are enclosed for your information.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carl W. Vogt, Chairman".

Carl W. Vogt
Chairman

Enclosure(s)

cc: Mr. Robert P. Thurber
Acting Director
Office of Transportation Regulatory Affairs