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**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
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MAY 17 2011

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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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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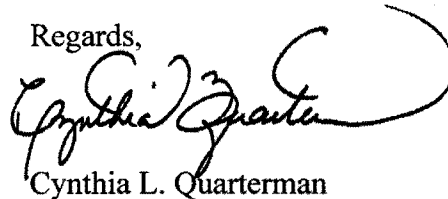
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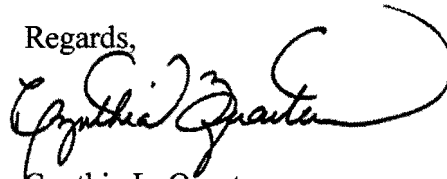
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**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
 Quarterly Report to Congress on Pipeline Safety Inspection and Enforcement Staffing
 March 31, 2011**

	As of December 31, 2010					As of March 31, 2011				
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	19	13	1	5	68%	19	15	0	4	79%
Eastern Region	16	16	0	0	100%	16	16	0	0	100%
Southern Region	16	14	0	2	87.5%	16	14	0	2	87.5%
Central Region	28	22	2	4	79%	28	26	0	2	93%
Southwest Region	30	26	0	4	87%	30	25	2	3	83%
Western Region	29	27	1	1	93%	29	27	1	1	93%
TOTALS	138	118	4	16	85.5%	138	123	3	12	89%

Quarterly Summary

As of March 31, 2011, PHMSA filled 123 of 138 inspection and enforcement positions, a gain of 5 employees since its last quarterly report. During the quarter, there were six hires and one departure. For each remaining vacancy in its Inspection and Enforcement Program, PHMSA is currently advertising it, reviewing applications for it, or has made a selection and is in the process of filling it. PHMSA is making full use of all the recruiting tools at its disposal and is aggressively recruiting to fill its open positions.