



Memorandum


**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Termination
Notification—FMCSA's National Motor Coach
Safety Program
Project Number 09M3001M000

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From:

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Reply to
Attn. of: JA-40

To: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator

On November 19, 2008, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) initiated an audit to evaluate the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) implementation of its National Motor Coach Safety Program. This program emphasizes (1) conducting more compliance reviews of motor coach carriers; (2) establishing a prioritization system for motor coach carrier compliance reviews; (3) mandating state motor coach inspection programs; (4) improving safety data, including a bus crash causation study; (5) reducing motor coach fires; and (6) expediting safety audits of new motor coach carriers.

In October 2009, we suspended our audit work to refocus OIG resources on other pressing highway and transit issues that developed after we initiated the audit, including passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the start of the Department of Transportation's transit safety initiative. In addition, report language accompanying the fiscal year 2011 U.S. House of Representatives-passed version of the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill indicated the House's expectation that OIG audit FMCSA's implementation of the new entrant safety assurance process and its response to certain National Transportation Safety Board recommendations, a number of which relate to motor coach safety issues.

As a result, we are terminating the National Motor Coach Safety Program audit and planning to initiate a new audit on the related congressional request. We will notify you by separate memorandum when a new audit is initiated and contact

your audit liaison. We may incorporate into the new audit any applicable work completed during the terminated audit of the motor coach safety program, as appropriate.

We appreciate the courtesies and cooperation of FMCSA representatives during our audit. If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this terminated audit, please contact me at (202) 366-5630 or Kerry R. Barras, Program Director, at (817) 978-3545.

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