



National Transportation Safety Board

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Ms. Rose A. McMurray
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Dear Ms. McMurray:

Thank you for your letter of September 21, 1993, responding to the National Transportation Safety Board's Safety Recommendations I-92-1 and -2. Safety Recommendation I-92-1 urged the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) to require that attachments to all Department of Transportation-authorized hazardous materials packagings be designed to minimize the risk of puncturing other hazardous materials packagings during an accident situation. The Safety Board notes that the RSPA plans to address this safety issue in its next docket of miscellaneous amendments, HM-166Y, early next year. We would appreciate periodic updates on the progress of the rulemaking. Pending the issuance of a final rule, Safety Recommendation I-92-1 is classified "Open--Acceptable Response."

Safety Recommendation I-92-2 urged the RSPA to revise requirements for pressure-relief venting on U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) specification 57 portable tanks used to transport dicumyl peroxide and other products with similar rapid decomposition characteristics to ensure that the pressure-relief systems prevent overpressure rupture of tanks from a rapid product decomposition reaction. The Safety Board notes that the RSPA agrees with the need to review the pressure-relief venting requirements for DOT 57 portable tanks. We would appreciate periodic updates on the progress of the review and subsequent rulemaking. Pending the RSPA's review of pressure relief requirements for DOT 57 portable tanks and the issuance of a final rule, Safety Recommendation I-92-2 is classified "Open--Acceptable Response."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. W. Vogt".

Carl W. Vogt
Chairman

cc: Dr. Donald R. Trilling
Director
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