



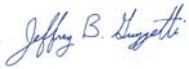
# Memorandum

**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation  
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Announcement –  
Follow-Up Review of FAA and Industry Efforts  
To Enhance Airline Safety in Response to the  
Colgan Air Accident  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Project No. 11A3012A000

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Since the fatal crash of Colgan Air flight 3407 in 2009, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Congress, and air carriers have recognized the need for safety initiatives in pilot fatigue, training, and professionalism. These initiatives, while ongoing, were not completed during FAA's Call to Action on Airline Safety and Pilot Training and subsequently became requirements under the Airline Safety and FAA Extension Act of 2010.<sup>1</sup> Effectively implementing these requirements in a timely manner is critical to enhancing safety for the traveling public.

Representatives Nick Rahall, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Jerry Costello, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Aviation, requested that we review FAA and industry efforts to enhance safety in response to the Colgan accident. They noted a need for urgency in light of FAA's past problems and delays with implementing safety initiatives. Accordingly, our audit objectives are to (1) examine FAA and industry progress in implementing elements of the Airline Safety and FAA Extension Act of 2010 and (2) identify any challenges to completing these actions.

Our audit will include visits to FAA Headquarters and regional offices as well as select Flight Standards Service field offices that oversee commercial airlines.

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<sup>1</sup> Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111–216 (August 1, 2010).

We plan to begin this audit the week of May 23, 2011, and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 366-0500 or Tina Nysted, Program Director, at (404) 562-3770.

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