

## Closing Statement

In closing, I would like to recognize the hard work of the NTSB staff in this investigation. I also want to thank my colleagues for the good debate and discussion.

American flight 383 came too close for comfort.

Today we recommended modernized inspection procedures to catch potential flaws, and a review of design considerations to mitigate damage from such flaws. We've also recommended that checklists reflect the difference between engine fires in flight, where lives depend on an operational second engine, and on the ground, where lives might depend on shutting down the engine.

And regarding evacuations, we've called for better training, as well as further research where our knowledge could improve... including studying how attempts to retrieve carry-on baggage can affect deplaning times during an emergency evacuation. But again: **asking this question isn't the same as saying there's a new answer.** In an evacuation, follow your crew's instructions.

Today's recommendations, if acted upon, can further improve the safety of commercial passenger aviation.

We stand adjourned.

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