



National Transportation Safety Board

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Safety Recommendation

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In reply refer to: M-13-07 and -08

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On May 14, 2013, the NTSB adopted its report concerning the January 26, 2012, allision of the cargo vessel *Delta Mariner* with Eggner's Ferry Bridge on the Tennessee River near Aurora, Kentucky.¹ Additional information about this accident and the resulting recommendations may be found in the report of the investigation, which can be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number NTSB/MAR-13/02.

As a result of this investigation, the NTSB issued five new recommendations: one to the Federal Highway Administration; two to Foss Maritime Company, owner of the *Delta Mariner*; and the following two recommendations to the US Coast Guard:

M-13-07:

Develop procedures to identify bridges having chronic navigation lighting problems and work with the states that own those bridges to rectify underlying problems in a timely manner.

M-13-08:

Review the process and means of delivering broadcast notices to mariners and identify and implement methods for providing timely and easily accessible navigation information to mariners.

These safety recommendations are derived from the NTSB's investigation and are consistent with the evidence we found and the analysis we performed. Chairman HERSMAN, Vice Chairman HART, and Members SUMWALT, ROSEKIND, and WEENER concurred in these recommendations.

The NTSB is vitally interested in these recommendations because they are designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within

¹ *Allision of the Cargo Vessel M/V Delta Mariner with Eggner's Ferry Bridge, Tennessee River near Aurora, Kentucky, January 26, 2013*, NTSB/MAR-13/02 (Washington, DC: National Transportation Safety Board, 2013).

90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement them. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendations by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov. If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. To avoid confusion, please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

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