

The following Safety Recommendations were issued as a result of NTSB Highway Accident Report, “Motorcoach Run-Off-the-Road and Overturn US Highway 83 Laredo, Texas, May 14, 2016.” Report Number HAR-18-03. Adopted on November 7, 2018 and published on December 4, 2018.

Safety Recommendation Number	Safety Recommendation Recipient	Safety Recommendation Text
H-18-051	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	Develop and publish explicit guidance for certified medical examiners (CMEs) to use when making medical certification decisions regarding drivers with diabetes who are not treated with insulin. At a minimum, this guidance should recommend that every certification examination of a non-insulin-treated driver with diabetes document the results of a recent hemoglobin A1C test, any symptomatic hypoglycemia episodes, and detailed findings from periodic evaluations for diabetic complications, including retinopathy, neuropathy, and nephropathy; and provide CMEs with explicit certification criteria, including certification time limits and disqualifying results.
H-18-052	Texas Department of Transportation	Evaluate your processes for collecting and recording maintenance information through your daily activity reports to ensure that the reports accurately and completely reflect the location and details of the work performed.

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H-18-053	Texas Department of Transportation	Revise your processes for collecting and recording maintenance information through your daily activity reports (DARs) based on the results of the evaluation conducted in response to Safety Recommendation H-18-52 to ensure that the information contained in the DARs is accurate, complete, and sufficiently detailed to represent the full extent of maintenance activities.
H-18-054	Texas Department of Transportation	Assess, and modify as necessary, the training provided to your maintenance personnel to ensure that the results of milling operations conform to your <i>Planing and Texturing Pavement Specifications</i> .
H-18-055	Texas Department of Transportation	Train your maintenance personnel to evaluate milling operations so that the resulting pavement surface provides acceptable levels of friction.

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H-99-006	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	Change the safety fitness rating methodology so that adverse vehicle or driver performance-based data alone are sufficient to result in an overall unsatisfactory rating for the carrier.
H-12-017	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	Include safety measurement system rating scores in the methodology used to determine a carrier’s fitness to operate in the safety fitness rating rulemaking for the new Compliance, Safety, Accountability initiative.
H-99-049	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	Expand your research on current advanced glazing to include its applicability to motorcoach occupant ejection prevention, and revise window glazing requirements for newly manufactured motorcoaches based on the results of this research.

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The Honorable Raymond P. Martinez  
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On November 7, 2018, the NTSB adopted its report *Motorcoach Run-Off-the-Road and Overturn, US Highway 83, Laredo, Texas, May 14, 2016*, NTSB/HAR-18/03. The details of the investigation and the resulting safety recommendations may be found in the attached report, which can also be accessed at [www.nts.gov](http://www.nts.gov).

Among the safety recommendations is one new recommendation issued to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), which can be found on [page 52](#) of the report. The report also reiterates two previous safety recommendations to the FMCSA, H-99-6 and H-12-17, which can be found on [page 53](#) of the report.

The NTSB is vitally interested in these recommendations because they are designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate a response within 90 days, detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement these recommendations. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendations by number. We encourage you to submit your response to [correspondence@nts.gov](mailto:correspondence@nts.gov). If it exceeds 20 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.



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Among the safety recommendations are four new recommendations issued to the Texas Department of Transportation, which can be found on [page 52](#) of the report.

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Included in this report is a reiteration of a safety recommendation previously issued to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, H-99-49, which can be found on [page 53](#) of the report.

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