

RECOMMENDATIONS

As a result of its investigation of this accident, the National Transportation Safety Board makes the following recommendations:

To the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials--

Inform your members of the facts and circumstances of the Intercession City, Florida, accident, and urge that they require operators of low clearance, overdimension/overweight vehicles to provide railroads with advance notification of travel over grade crossings. Further, recommend that your members revise their permit documents to state that compliance with this notification requirement is a condition of permitting. (Class II, Priority Action) (II-95-7)

To the American Gas Association--

Advise your members of the pipeline safety issues identified in the Intercession City, Florida, accident report, and urge them to work with railroad operators in developing plans for handling emergencies involving both rail and pipeline. (Class II, Priority Action) (P-95-31)

To the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America--

Advise your members of the pipeline safety issues identified in the Intercession City, Florida, accident report, and urge them to work with railroad operators in developing plans for handling emergencies involving both rail and pipeline. (Class II, Priority Action) (P-95-32)

To the American Public Gas Association--

Advise your members of the pipeline safety issues identified in the Intercession City, Florida, accident report, and urge them to work with railroad operators in developing plans for handling emergencies involving both rail and pipeline. (Class II, Priority Action) (P-95-33)

To the American Petroleum Institute--

Advise your members of the pipeline safety issues identified in the Intercession City, Florida, accident report, and urge them to work with railroad operators in developing plans for handling emergencies involving both rail and pipeline. (Class II, Priority Action) (P-95-34)

To Central Florida Pipeline Corporation--

Cooperate with the CSXT and any other railroads in your operational areas to develop a program to notify the railroad when pipeline accidents endanger railroad operations. (Class II, Priority Action) (P-95-35)

To the Association of American Railroads--

Inform your members of the facts and circumstances of the Intercession City, Florida, accident and recommend that they review their procedures for coordinating the transit of overdimension, low-clearance highway vehicles across their rights-of-way. (Class II, Priority Action) (R-95-24)

Advise your members of the safety issues identified in the Intercession City, Florida, accident report, and urge that they work with pipeline operators in developing plans for handling emergencies involving both rail and pipeline. (Class II, Priority Action) (R-95-25)

To the American Short Line Railroad Association--

Inform your members of the facts and circumstances of the Intercession City, Florida, accident and recommend that they review their procedures for coordinating the transit of overdimension, low-clearance highway vehicles across their rights-of-way. (Class II, Priority Action) (R-95-26)

Advise your members of the pipeline safety issues identified in the Intercession City, Florida, accident report, and urge them to work with pipeline operators in developing plans for handling emergencies involving both rail and pipeline. (Class II, Priority Action) (R-95-27)

To the National Railroad Passenger Corporation--

Inspect all Heritage lounge cars still in service to identify and correct separation problems between the base and pedestal column of the pedestal seat. Should lounge cars be refurbished before being retired, modify the pedestal seats to mitigate passenger injuries. (Class II, Priority Action) (R-95-28)

To the Osceola County (Florida) Emergency Management Division--

Revise your standard operating procedures for a railroad incident to include immediately determining whether pipelines are present and whether they may pose a risk during the initial emergency response effort and subsequent wreckage removal operations. (Class II, Priority Action) (R-95-29)

To the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management--

In coordination with hazardous liquid and gas pipeline operators and railroads, establish procedures for prompt notification of all involved parties, including public safety officials, following a transportation accident and establish comprehensive plans for monitoring and maintaining protective control measures during wreck-clearing operations. (Class II, Priority Action) (P-95-36)

To CSX Transportation Corporation--

Revise your permitting process and forms to ensure that overdimension vehicle operators provide load and complete route information so that CSX Transportation Corporation (CSXT) can ensure protection; ensure that CSXT employees issuing permits are familiar with the process and include a staffed 24-hour CSXT telephone number on the permit forms. (Class II, Priority Action) (R-95-30)

Cooperate with Central Florida Pipeline Corporation and any other pipelines in your operational areas to develop a program to notify the pipelines when railroad accidents endanger pipeline operations. (Class II, Priority Action) (R-95-31)

Develop, in coordination with hazardous liquid and gas pipeline operators, procedures for coordinating emergency response and wreckage clearing operations with public safety officials to ensure that the actions of its employees and its contractors do not endanger personnel safety or the facilities of others on or adjacent to the railroad right-of-way. (Class II, Priority Action) (R-95-32)

To the Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association--

Advise your members of the facts and circumstances of the Intercession City, Florida, accident, and urge that they implement procedures to ensure that personnel coordinate with railroads when traversing grade crossings, comply with all statutes, obtain all necessary permits, have a emergency contingency plan, and outfit the move crew with appropriate emergency equipment, telephone numbers, and contacts. (Class II, Priority Action) (H-95-8)

Revise the *Permit Manual of State Permits and Canadian Regulations* to list those jurisdictions that require low-clearance vehicle operators to provide railroads with advance notification of intended travel over grade crossings and include a caution that coordinating with railroads is necessary to ensure safe travel over grade crossings. (Class II, Priority Action) (H-95-9)

To the International Association of Chiefs of Police--

Advise your members of the facts and circumstances of the Intercession City, Florida, accident, and request that those whose activities include providing or overseeing overdimension vehicle escort review their policies and procedures to ensure the vehicle operator is in compliance with all applicable permit and advance notification requirements, and has the communications capability and telephone numbers to contact railroad, utility, and other private entities along the route in the event of a change in plans or an emergency. (Class II, Priority Action) (H-95-10)

To the National Sheriffs' Association--

Advise your members of the facts and circumstances of the Intercession City, Florida, accident, and request that those whose activities include providing or overseeing overdimension vehicle escort review their policies and procedures to ensure the vehicle operator is in compliance with all applicable permit and advance notification requirements, and has the communications capability and telephone numbers to contact railroad, utility, and other private entities along the route in the event of a change in plans or an emergency. (Class II, Priority Action) (H-95-11)

To the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Laws and Ordinances--

Revise Section 14-112, "Permits for Excess Size and Weight," of the Uniform Vehicle Code to require that State agencies notify carriers of the provisions contained in Section 11-703, "Moving Heavy Equipment at Railroad Grade Crossings," before issuing permits. (Class II, Priority Action) (H-95-12)

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