



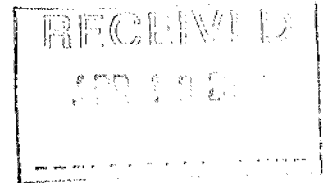
National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

Office of the Chairman

APR 15 2004

Mr. Robert Garbini
President
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
900 Spring Street
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



Dear Mr. Garbini:

This letter regards the National Transportation Safety Board's Safety Recommendation H-97-34, stated below. This recommendation was issued to the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) as a result of the Board's investigation of the April 25, 1996, fatal collision between a Mack truck with a concrete mixer body and an automobile in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania.

H-97-34

Notify your membership through sources, such as the *Dispatcher* newsletter, of the circumstances of this accident and urge them to implement procedures that will ensure that air brake manufacturers' suggested installation, inspection, and functional test procedures are adhered to during and after routine maintenance on truck air brake systems.

Through e-mail correspondence and a personal visit in December of last year, Mr. Thomas Harman of your staff briefed Safety Board staff on the actions your association has taken in response to this recommendation. He also provided information concerning the training courses the NRMCA provides for the concrete industry.

The Safety Board appreciates receiving the information and notes the NRMCA's assertion that it has made safety education a cornerstone to its programs. The Board also notes that a detailed summary of the accident was published in the January 2004 *Dispatcher* newsletter. Accordingly, Safety Recommendation H-97-34 is classified "Closed—Acceptable Action."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellen Engleman Connors".

Ellen Engleman Connors
Chairman

cc: Mr. Thomas Harman
Director of Safety Compliance