



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

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In reply refer to: H-15-22 and -23

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The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is an independent federal agency charged by Congress with investigating every civil aviation accident in the United States and significant accidents in other modes of transportation—railroad, highway, marine, and pipeline. We determine the probable cause of the accidents and issue safety recommendations aimed at preventing future accidents. In addition, we carry out special studies concerning transportation safety and coordinate the resources of the federal government and other organizations to provide assistance to victims and their family members affected by major transportation disasters. We are providing the following information to urge Walmart Transportation LLC to take action on the safety recommendations being issued in this letter.

On August 11, 2015, we adopted our report concerning the June 7, 2014, work zone accident on Interstate 95 (I-95) in Cranbury, New Jersey, in which a truck-tractor semitrailer operated by Walmart Transportation LLC, traveling northbound on I-95, encountered traffic that had slowed along a construction corridor; the truck struck the rear of a limo van, and a series of successive impacts ensued, resulting in one death and four seriously injured people.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/HAR-15/02.

As a result of this investigation, we reiterated six safety recommendations, including three to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and three to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). We also issued nine new recommendations, including one to the Federal Highway Administration; one to NHTSA; one to the New Jersey Department of Health—Office of Emergency Medical Services; one to the New Jersey State First Aid Council; two to the National Limousine Association; one to Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC,

¹ See *Multivehicle Work Zone Crash on Interstate 95, Cranbury, New Jersey, June 7, 2014*, Highway Accident Report NTSB/HAR-15/02 (Washington, DC: 2015).

Detroit Diesel Corporation, and Meritor WABCO Vehicle Control Systems; and the following two recommendations to Walmart Transportation LLC:

H-15-22

Develop and implement a fatigue management program based on the North American Fatigue Management Program guidelines.

H-15-23

Incorporate into your corporate safety program a method for conducting ongoing analysis of aggregated critical event report data on hard-braking and stability control events.

Chairman HART, Vice Chairman DINH-ZARR, and Members SUMWALT 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 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. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

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