



**TECHNICAL REVIEW LETTERS TO PARTY REPRESENTATIVES**

**Teutopolis, Illinois**

**HWY23MH017**

(15 pages)

# National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Highway Safety

Washington, DC 20594



August 15, 2024

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590  
Attn: Mr. Michael Jordan

Dear Mr. Jordan:

The NTSB's draft factual reports and attachments for the Teutopolis, Illinois investigation (HWY23MH017) are ready for your technical review and comments. The deadline for submitting comments is Friday, August 30, 2024. Please submit your comments via email using the form supplied with the documents. The NTSB investigative team will review all factual comments and provide the parties with a written summary of the disposition of those comments, including whether any changes are made to the factual reports and/or attachments.

The purpose of the technical review is to verify the accuracy and completeness of the factual information contained within the reports and attachments, as these will be the basis for our analysis. As a party to the investigation, please review the documents and ensure that the information contained within is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Pursuant to the *CERTIFICATION OF PARTY REPRESENTATIVE* document that was provided to each party member; *Section XV. Party Recommendations as to Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations*, 'Any party to an investigation may, and is encouraged to, submit to the NTSB proposed findings of fact and conclusions that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation. A party may also propose safety recommendations for preventative action.'<sup>1</sup> Any submissions must be sent to the other parties and the NTSB's Investigator-in-Charge (IIC) for this investigation. I will provide additional information about the due date for party submissions once it has been established.

The technical review documents will be sent to you as attachments to a secure email via the NTSB's Kiteworks system. Please remember that the draft factual reports are for official-use-only, and 49 CFR Part 831.13 prohibits the release of investigative information that has not been released by the NTSB without prior consultation and

---

<sup>1</sup> Party submissions are not mandatory. Party members, at their discretion, may submit proposed findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation.

approval of the Investigator-in-Charge. You may disseminate information to others within your organization, as necessary, to complete a thorough review of the technical information within the documents.

If you have any questions regarding the technical review process, please feel free to contact me. [cell: [REDACTED]; email: [REDACTED]]

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Steven Prouty, PE  
Investigator-in-Charge  
National Transportation Safety Board  
Office of Highway Safety

# National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Highway Safety

Washington, DC 20594



August 15, 2024

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
3250 Executive Park Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Attn: Mr. Luisvidal Meza

Dear Mr. Meza:

The NTSB's draft factual reports and attachments for the Teutopolis, Illinois investigation (HWY23MH017) are ready for your technical review and comments. The deadline for submitting comments is Friday, August 30, 2024. Please submit your comments via email using the form supplied with the documents. The NTSB investigative team will review all factual comments and provide the parties with a written summary of the disposition of those comments, including whether any changes are made to the factual reports and/or attachments.

The purpose of the technical review is to verify the accuracy and completeness of the factual information contained within the reports and attachments, as these will be the basis for our analysis. As a party to the investigation, please review the documents and ensure that the information contained within is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Pursuant to the *CERTIFICATION OF PARTY REPRESENTATIVE* document that was provided to each party member; *Section XV. Party Recommendations as to Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations*, 'Any party to an investigation may, and is encouraged to, submit to the NTSB proposed findings of fact and conclusions that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation. A party may also propose safety recommendations for preventative action.'<sup>1</sup> Any submissions must be sent to the other parties and the NTSB's Investigator-in-Charge (IIC) for this investigation. I will provide additional information about the due date for party submissions once it has been established.

The technical review documents will be sent to you as attachments to a secure email via the NTSB's Kiteworks system. Please remember that the draft factual reports are for official-use-only, and 49 CFR Part 831.13 prohibits the release of investigative information that has not been released by the NTSB without prior consultation and

---

<sup>1</sup> Party submissions are not mandatory. Party members, at their discretion, may submit proposed findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation.

approval of the Investigator-in-Charge. You may disseminate information to others within your organization, as necessary, to complete a thorough review of the technical information within the documents.

If you have any questions regarding the technical review process, please feel free to contact me. [cell: [REDACTED]; email: [REDACTED]]

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Steven Prouty, PE  
Investigator-in-Charge  
National Transportation Safety Board  
Office of Highway Safety

# National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Highway Safety

Washington, DC 20594



August 15, 2024

Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590  
Attn: Mr. Dwight Meckfessel

Dear Mr. Meckfessel:

The NTSB's draft factual reports and attachments for the Teutopolis, Illinois investigation (HWY23MH017) are ready for your technical review and comments. The deadline for submitting comments is Friday, August 30, 2024. Please submit your comments via email using the form supplied with the documents. The NTSB investigative team will review all factual comments and provide the parties with a written summary of the disposition of those comments, including whether any changes are made to the factual reports and/or attachments.

The purpose of the technical review is to verify the accuracy and completeness of the factual information contained within the reports and attachments, as these will be the basis for our analysis. As a party to the investigation, please review the documents and ensure that the information contained within is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Pursuant to the *CERTIFICATION OF PARTY REPRESENTATIVE* document that was provided to each party member; *Section XV. Party Recommendations as to Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations*, 'Any party to an investigation may, and is encouraged to, submit to the NTSB proposed findings of fact and conclusions that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation. A party may also propose safety recommendations for preventative action.'<sup>1</sup> Any submissions must be sent to the other parties and the NTSB's Investigator-in-Charge (IIC) for this investigation. I will provide additional information about the due date for party submissions once it has been established.

The technical review documents will be sent to you as attachments to a secure email via the NTSB's Kiteworks system. Please remember that the draft factual reports

---

<sup>1</sup> Party submissions are not mandatory. Party members, at their discretion, may submit proposed findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation.

are for official-use-only, and 49 CFR Part 831.13 prohibits the release of investigative information that has not been released by the NTSB without prior consultation and approval of the Investigator-in-Charge. You may disseminate information to others within your organization, as necessary, to complete a thorough review of the technical information within the documents.

If you have any questions regarding the technical review process, please feel free to contact me. [REDACTED]; email: [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Steven Prouty, PE  
Investigator-in-Charge  
National Transportation Safety Board  
Office of Highway Safety

# National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Highway Safety

Washington, DC 20594



August 15, 2024

Illinois State Police  
Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit - Southern Region  
2220 W. Main Street  
Belleville, IL 62226  
Attn: Master Sergeant Bradley Brachear

Dear Mr. Brachear:

The NTSB's draft factual reports and attachments for the Teutopolis, Illinois investigation (HWY23MH017) are ready for your technical review and comments. The deadline for submitting comments is Friday, August 30, 2024. Please submit your comments via email using the form supplied with the documents. The NTSB investigative team will review all factual comments and provide the parties with a written summary of the disposition of those comments, including whether any changes are made to the factual reports and/or attachments.

The purpose of the technical review is to verify the accuracy and completeness of the factual information contained within the reports and attachments, as these will be the basis for our analysis. As a party to the investigation, please review the documents and ensure that the information contained within is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Pursuant to the *CERTIFICATION OF PARTY REPRESENTATIVE* document that was provided to each party member; *Section XV. Party Recommendations as to Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations*, 'Any party to an investigation may, and is encouraged to, submit to the NTSB proposed findings of fact and conclusions that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation. A party may also propose safety recommendations for preventative action.'<sup>1</sup> Any submissions must be sent to the other parties and the NTSB's Investigator-in-Charge (IIC) for this investigation. I will provide additional information about the due date for party submissions once it has been established.

The technical review documents will be sent to you as attachments to a secure email via the NTSB's Kiteworks system. Please remember that the draft factual reports are for official-use-only, and 49 CFR Part 831.13 prohibits the release of investigative

---

<sup>1</sup> Party submissions are not mandatory. Party members, at their discretion, may submit proposed findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation.



information that has not been released by the NTSB without prior consultation and approval of the Investigator-in-Charge. You may disseminate information to others within your organization, as necessary, to complete a thorough review of the technical information within the documents.

If you have any questions regarding the technical review process, please feel free to contact me. [cell: [REDACTED]; email: [REDACTED]]

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Steven Prouty, PE  
Investigator-in-Charge  
National Transportation Safety Board  
Office of Highway Safety

# National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Highway Safety

Washington, DC 20594



August 15, 2024

Illinois Department of Transportation  
Region 4, District 7  
400 West Wabash  
Effingham, Illinois 62401  
Attn: Mr. Jeffrey Myers, PE

Dear Mr. Myers:

The NTSB's draft factual reports and attachments for the Teutopolis, Illinois investigation (HWY23MH017) are ready for your technical review and comments. The deadline for submitting comments is Friday, August 30, 2024. Please submit your comments via email using the form supplied with the documents. The NTSB investigative team will review all factual comments and provide the parties with a written summary of the disposition of those comments, including whether any changes are made to the factual reports and/or attachments.

The purpose of the technical review is to verify the accuracy and completeness of the factual information contained within the reports and attachments, as these will be the basis for our analysis. As a party to the investigation, please review the documents and ensure that the information contained within is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Pursuant to the *CERTIFICATION OF PARTY REPRESENTATIVE* document that was provided to each party member; *Section XV. Party Recommendations as to Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations*, 'Any party to an investigation may, and is encouraged to, submit to the NTSB proposed findings of fact and conclusions that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation. A party may also propose safety recommendations for preventative action.'<sup>1</sup> Any submissions must be sent to the other parties and the NTSB's Investigator-in-Charge (IIC) for this investigation. I will provide additional information about the due date for party submissions once it has been established.

The technical review documents will be sent to you as attachments to a secure email via the NTSB's Kiteworks system. Please remember that the draft factual reports are for official-use-only, and 49 CFR Part 831.13 prohibits the release of investigative

---

<sup>1</sup> Party submissions are not mandatory. Party members, at their discretion, may submit proposed findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation.

information that has not been released by the NTSB without prior consultation and approval of the Investigator-in-Charge. You may disseminate information to others within your organization, as necessary, to complete a thorough review of the technical information within the documents.

If you have any questions regarding the technical review process, please feel free to contact me. [cell: [REDACTED]; email: [REDACTED]]

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Steven Prouty, PE  
Investigator-in-Charge  
National Transportation Safety Board  
Office of Highway Safety

# National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Highway Safety

Washington, DC 20594



August 15, 2024

Teutopolis Fire Protection District  
215 W. Main Street  
Teutopolis, IL 62467  
Attn: Chief Tim McMahon

Dear Mr. McMahon:

The NTSB's draft factual reports and attachments for the Teutopolis, Illinois investigation (HWY23MH017) are ready for your technical review and comments. The deadline for submitting comments is Friday, August 30, 2024. Please submit your comments via email using the form supplied with the documents. The NTSB investigative team will review all factual comments and provide the parties with a written summary of the disposition of those comments, including whether any changes are made to the factual reports and/or attachments.

The purpose of the technical review is to verify the accuracy and completeness of the factual information contained within the reports and attachments, as these will be the basis for our analysis. As a party to the investigation, please review the documents and ensure that the information contained within is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Pursuant to the *CERTIFICATION OF PARTY REPRESENTATIVE* document that was provided to each party member; *Section XV. Party Recommendations as to Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations*, 'Any party to an investigation may, and is encouraged to, submit to the NTSB proposed findings of fact and conclusions that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation. A party may also propose safety recommendations for preventative action.'<sup>1</sup> Any submissions must be sent to the other parties and the NTSB's Investigator-in-Charge (IIC) for this investigation. I will provide additional information about the due date for party submissions once it has been established.

The technical review documents will be sent to you as attachments to a secure email via the NTSB's Kiteworks system. Please remember that the draft factual reports

---

<sup>1</sup> Party submissions are not mandatory. Party members, at their discretion, may submit proposed findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation.

are for official-use-only, and 49 CFR Part 831.13 prohibits the release of investigative information that has not been released by the NTSB without prior consultation and approval of the Investigator-in-Charge. You may disseminate information to others within your organization, as necessary, to complete a thorough review of the technical information within the documents.

If you have any questions regarding the technical review process, please feel free to contact me. [cell: [REDACTED]; email: [REDACTED]]

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Steven Prouty, PE  
Investigator-in-Charge  
National Transportation Safety Board  
Office of Highway Safety

# National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Highway Safety

Washington, DC 20594



August 15, 2024

Mississippi Tank Company  
3000 W 7th Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
Attn: Mr. Robert Threatt

Dear Mr. Threatt:

The NTSB's draft factual reports and attachments for the Teutopolis, Illinois investigation (HWY23MH017) are ready for your technical review and comments. The deadline for submitting comments is Friday, August 30, 2024. Please submit your comments via email using the form supplied with the documents. The NTSB investigative team will review all factual comments and provide the parties with a written summary of the disposition of those comments, including whether any changes are made to the factual reports and/or attachments.

The purpose of the technical review is to verify the accuracy and completeness of the factual information contained within the reports and attachments, as these will be the basis for our analysis. As a party to the investigation, please review the documents and ensure that the information contained within is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Pursuant to the *CERTIFICATION OF PARTY REPRESENTATIVE* document that was provided to each party member; *Section XV. Party Recommendations as to Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations*, 'Any party to an investigation may, and is encouraged to, submit to the NTSB proposed findings of fact and conclusions that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation. A party may also propose safety recommendations for preventative action.'<sup>1</sup> Any submissions must be sent to the other parties and the NTSB's Investigator-in-Charge (IIC) for this investigation. I will provide additional information about the due date for party submissions once it has been established.

The technical review documents will be sent to you as attachments to a secure email via the NTSB's Kiteworks system. Please remember that the draft factual reports are for official-use-only, and 49 CFR Part 831.13 prohibits the release of investigative information that has not been released by the NTSB without prior consultation and

---

<sup>1</sup> Party submissions are not mandatory. Party members, at their discretion, may submit proposed findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations that the party member believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation.

approval of the Investigator-in-Charge. You may disseminate information to others within your organization, as necessary, to complete a thorough review of the technical information within the documents.

If you have any questions regarding the technical review process, please feel free to contact me. [cell: [REDACTED]; email: [REDACTED]]

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Steven Prouty, PE  
Investigator-in-Charge  
National Transportation Safety Board  
Office of Highway Safety