



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

Administrator

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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The Honorable John L. Mica
Chairman, Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Section 31 (a) of the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-90) requires the Secretary of Transportation to submit to Congress a report that provides information on the total number of full-time equivalent positions for pipeline inspection and enforcement personnel at the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and any additional inspection and enforcement resource needs the agency will be requesting.

As of September 30, 2012, PHMSA has filled all 135 of its authorized pipeline inspection and enforcement personnel.

PHMSA is committed to fully staffing all inspection and enforcement positions and making effective use of staff capabilities.

A similar letter has been sent to the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to call me at 202-366-4433.

Regards,

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