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Office of Inspector General  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Steven E. Goldberg  
Chief Financial Officer  
National Transportation Safety Board  
490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
Washington, DC 20594

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is initiating an audit of the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) Financial Statements for Fiscal Years (FY) 2011 and 2010. The audit will be conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin 07-04, "Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements." The planned start date is March 15, 2011.

OIG has engaged an independent audit firm, Leon Snead and Company, PC, to conduct this audit with OIG oversight. The audit report on the NTSB FY 2011 and FY 2010 Financial Statements is due to OMB by November 15, 2011. The audit will be conducted at NTSB Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and its service provider in Denver, Colorado. The Project Manager for this audit is George Banks. If you have any questions, please call me at (410) 962-1729 or George Banks at (410) 962-0186.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl C. Hedges".

Earl C. Hedges  
Acting Assistant Inspector General for  
Financial and Information Technology Audits