

National Transportation Safety Board

Office of the Chair

Washington, DC 20594



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Mr. Chuck Baker
President
American Short Line and
Regional Railroad Association
50 F St., NW, Ste. 500
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Baker:

Thank you for the November 4, 2022, letter, signed by Ms. Jo Strang, Senior Vice President, Safety and Regulatory Policy, regarding Safety Recommendation R-22-10. We issued this recommendation to the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association on September 22, 2022, as a result our investigation of the derailment of a CSX Transportation train with hazardous materials release and fire on February 13, 2020, near Draffin, Kentucky.

R-22-10

Inform your members of the circumstances of this derailment and encourage them to revise as necessary their criteria for train operations to provide dynamic weather alerts that take into account current, persistent, and past weather conditions to improve location-based adverse weather alerts.

We note that you informed your membership of the circumstances of this derailment in your monthly digital newsletter, and that you included the sample article that we provided.

Thank you for taking actions to address Safety Recommendation R-22-10, which is classified "Closed–Acceptable Action."

Sincerely,

Jennifer Homendy
Chair

cc: Ms. Jo Strang
Senior Vice President,
Safety and Regulatory Policy
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