



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Bureau of Transportation Statistics

1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

<<DATE>>, 2020

Dear <<RECIPIENT>>,

I am writing to request your participation in the 2020 Annual Tank Car Survey. The U.S. Department of Transportation continues to work with the railroad industry to track the progress on enhancing the safety of rail tank cars transporting Class 3 flammable liquids. We are aware that this is a very difficult time with the Coronavirus upending normal business practices and normal life entirely. Despite the uncertainty, as a builder or retrofitter of rail tank cars certified to carry Class 3 flammable liquids, your response to this survey is crucial to improve transportation safety. We greatly appreciate your participation.

Signed into law on December 4, 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act requires that an Annual Tank Car Survey be conducted by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Summary results will be provided in an annual report to Congress. The information collected is for statistical purposes only and BTS will hold individual responses in confidence to the full extent permitted by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (Title 5 of Public Law 107-347) and other applicable Federal laws, your response will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent.

In 2019 we asked for your assistance with the 2019 Annual Tank Car Survey and the results are included in the 2019 report: Fleet Composition of Rail Tank Cars Carrying Flammable Liquids: 2019 Report, which can be found on the Tank Car Data Collection Program under the Reports Tab at: <https://www.bts.gov/tankcarreports>.

Please log on to the website listed below with the enclosed user name and password. Once logged in, you will be prompted to answer several questions. On average, the survey should take thirty minutes to complete, including the time needed to assemble the required data. Please complete the necessary information regarding your projections of the number of DOT-117 or DOT-117R tank cars that you expect your facility to build and/or retrofit in 2020.

Website link: <https://tankcar.bts.gov/survey>

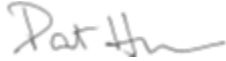
User ID: <<USERID>>

Password: <<PASSWORD>>

Please complete the survey by **June 30, 2020**. If you have any questions or comments about this survey, or would like assistance in completing the questionnaire, please email the Tank Car project director at TankCarSurvey@dot.gov or (202) 366-2857.

Thank you for your time and participation in this survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Hu".

Patricia Hu
Director
Bureau of Transportation Statistics



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Dear <<Recipient>>,

In early June, you should have received a letter requesting your participation in the 2020 Annual Tank Car Facility Survey. We are following up on this request as responses are needed by **July 24th, 2020**. If you have already responded to the survey, please disregard this letter. The U.S. Department of Transportation is working with the railroad industry to track the progress on enhancing the safety of rail tank cars transporting Class 3 flammable liquids. As a builder or retrofitter of rail tank cars certified to carry Class 3 flammable liquids, we are asking for your assistance.

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This survey requests information on the projections of the number of DOT-117 or DOT-117R tank cars that the facilities listed below plan to build and/or retrofit in 2020. Only summary information for all facilities is required.

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User ID: <<ID>>
Password: <<PASSWORD>>

If you have any questions or comments about this survey, or would like assistance in completing the questionnaire, please email the Tank Car project director at TankCarSurvey@dot.gov. In

addition, if the facilities listed in this letter is not a complete or accurate listing for your company, please contact us with any corrections.

Thank you for your time and participation in this survey.

Sincerely,

Clara Reschovsky
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Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Department of Transportation