

## National Transportation Safety Board

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made available any record made available to him for inspection or copying. Stealing, altering, mutilating, obliterating, or destroying, in whole or in part, such a record shall be deemed a crime.

(b) Section 641 of title 18 of the U.S.C. provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

“Whoever \* \* \* steals, purloins, or knowingly converts to his use or the use of another, or without authority, sells, conveys or disposes of any record \* \* \* or thing of value of the United States or of any department or agency thereof \* \* \* Shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years or both; but if the value of such property does not exceed the sum of \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. \* \* \*”

(c) Section 2071(a) of title 18 of the U.S.C. provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

“(a) Whoever willfully and unlawfully conceals, removes, mutilates, obliterates, or destroys, or attempts to do so, or, with intent to do so takes and carries away any record, proceeding, map, book, paper, document, or other things, filed or deposited \* \* \* in any public office, or with any \* \* \* public officer of the United States, shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.”

### Subpart C—Time Limits

#### § 801.20 Initial determination.

An initial determination as to whether to release a record shall be made by the Director, Bureau of Administration within 10 working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) after the request is received, except that this time limit may be extended up to 10 additional working days in accordance with § 801.22, of this part. The person making the request will be notified immediately in writing of such determination. If such determination is to release the requested record, such record shall be made available promptly. If such determination is made not to release the record, the person making the request shall, when he is notified of such determination, be advised of (a) the reason for the determination, (b) the right to appeal the determination, and (c) the name and title or positions of each person responsible for the denial of the request.

#### § 801.21 Final determination.

A determination with respect to any appeal made pursuant to § 801.20, shall be made by the Managing Director within 10 working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) after receipt of such appeal, except that this time limit may be extended for as many as 10 additional working days, in accordance with § 801.22.

#### § 801.22 Extension.

In unusual circumstances as specified in this section, the time limits prescribed in either, but not both, § 801.20 or § 801.21, may be extended by written notice to the person making a request and setting forth the reasons for such extension and the date on which a determination is expected to be dispatched. Such notice shall not specify a date that would result in an extension for more than 10 working days. As used in this paragraph, “unusual circumstances,” to the extent reasonably necessary to the proper processing of the particular request, means—

(a) The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the Bureau of Administration;

(b) The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request; or

(c) The need to consult with another agency which has a substantial interest in the disposition of the request or with two or more components of the agency having substantial subject-matter interest therein.

### Subpart D—Accident Investigation Records

#### § 801.30 Field aircraft accident investigations.

Upon completion of the field investigation (normally 60 days after the accident), the Board's investigator-in-charge shall complete a factual report (with documentation) and send it to the Director, Bureau of Administration, who shall then make the record available to the public for inspection

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or commercial copy order (see appendix).

### **§ 801.31 Major aircraft accident investigations.**

Upon completion of the investigation by a team of Board investigators (normally 60 days after the accident), the report of each investigator (group chairman), with documentation, shall be sent to the Director, Bureau of Administration, who shall make these records available to the public for inspection and commercial copy order (see appendix).

### **§ 801.32 Aircraft accident public hearings.**

Within approximately 2 weeks after a public hearing concerning an aviation accident, the Director, Bureau of Administration, shall make available to the public for inspection or commercial copy order, the hearing transcript and the exhibits introduced at the hearing (see appendix).

### **§ 801.33 Surface transportation accident investigations.**

Upon completion of the Board's investigation of these accidents (normally 60 days after the accident), the investigators shall send to the Director, Bureau of Administration, a file of the documentation obtained. This file shall then be made available by the Bureau of Administration, for public access or commercial copy order (see appendix).

### **§ 801.34 Surface accident public hearings.**

Within approximately 2 weeks after a surface accident public hearing, the Bureau of Administration shall make available for public inspection and commercial copy order, the hearing transcript and exhibits introduced at the hearing.

### **§ 801.35 Aviation accident reports.**

(a) The Board shall report the facts, conditions, and circumstances, and its determination of the cause or probable cause of all U.S. civil aviation accidents approximately 6 months after each accident occurs. All such reports shall be provided by computer print-

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out, published periodically as "Briefs of Accidents."

(b) All major or catastrophic air carrier accidents and noncatastrophic accidents, involving both air carriers and general aviation, which provide unusually significant safety issues shall be reported by the Board in detailed, narrative format. The formal, narrative report shall provide the facts, conditions, and circumstances, and the Board's determination of the cause or probable cause of the accident; the report shall be issued approximately 6 months after date of accident.

(c) After notice of issuance appears in the FEDERAL REGISTER, as required by section 304(a)(2) of the Independent Safety Board Act of 1974, the report shall be made available for public inspection in the Board's public reference room. (See appendix for copies and subscriptions.)

### **§ 801.36 Surface transportation accident reports.**

Any surface transportation accident investigated by the Board, and certain marine accidents investigated by the U.S. Coast Guard, shall result in a formal Board report. Such report shall provide the facts, conditions, circumstances, and the Board's determination of cause or probable cause of the accident. Reports of accidents investigated by the Board shall be issued approximately 6 months after the date of accident. After notice of issuance appears in the FEDERAL REGISTER, as required by section 304 (a)(2) of the Independent Safety Board Act of 1974, the report shall be made available for public inspection in the Board's public reference room. (See appendix for copies and subscriptions.)

## **Subpart E—Other Board Documents**

### **§ 801.40 The Board's rules.**

The Board's rules are published in the Code of Federal Regulations as parts 800 through 899 of this title 49. Reprints of each part are maintained by the Bureau of Administration and are available on request without cost.