



National Air Disaster Alliance/Foundation

Press Release

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Fuel Tank Inerting Required

WASHINGTON DC - **Great news!** Federal agencies approved rulemaking to require fuel-tank inerting to prevent explosions in newly manufactured aircraft, and upgrades to more than 3,000 commercial aircraft in service today.

The announcement was made at a Press Conference today that included: **Mary Peters**, Secretary of Transportation; **Mark Rosenker**, Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB); **Robert Sturgell**, Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); and **Matt Ziemkiewicz**, representing family members. Mr. Ziemkiewicz is also the President of **NADA/F (National Air Disaster Alliance/Foundation)**.

Matt Ziemkiewicz lost his sister Jill, a rookie Flight Attendant on TWA flight 800, 12 years ago. Matt thanked the government agencies, engineers, and the aviation industry who have worked hard for more than ten years to develop an affordable inerting technology to prevent a similar disaster. The FAA Rulemaking released today will mandate these safety measures and is welcome news to family members and the traveling public.

Ziemkiewicz said, "On behalf of air crash family members who have pushed hard for all these years we applaud this safety mandate."

NADA/F family members have been a driving force for this safety improvement for ten years. **NADA/F** members have testified before Congress, participated as members of FAA Rule Making Committees focused on inerting, and aggressively petitioned the aviation industry and government. Recent meetings, and the mandate today, demonstrate a commitment to improving aviation safety and preventing future tragedies.

NADA/F was incorporated in 1995 as a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization with the purpose to raise the standard of safety, security, survivability, and support for victims' families through constructive communications with all levels of government, public and private agencies, manufacturers and industry associations. We inform and educate the flying public on critical issues, and we advocate for more reform.

NADA/F relies on tax-deductible donations to continue our work.

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Mission: To raise the standard of safety, security, and survivability for aviation passengers and to support victims' families.

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