## §801.31 Public hearings regarding investigations.

Within approximately four (4) weeks after a public hearing concerning an investigation, the Chief, Records Management Division, will make available to the public the hearing transcript. On or before the date of the hearing, the Chief, Records Management Division, will make the exhibits introduced at the hearing available to the public for inspection or commercial copy order.

### §801.32 Accident reports.

- (a) The NTSB will report the facts, conditions, and circumstances, and its determination of the probable causes of U.S. civil transportation accidents, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 1131(e).
- (b) These reports may be made available for public inspection in the NTSB's public reference room and/or on the NTSB's Web site, at http://www.ntsb.gov.

### Subpart E—Other Board Documents

### §801.40 The Board's rules.

The NTSB's rules are published in the Code of Federal Regulations as Parts 800 through 850 of Title 49.

## $\S 801.41$ Reports to Congress.

The NTSB submits its annual report to Congress each year, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 1117. The report will be available on the NTSB's Web site, found at <a href="http://www.ntsb.gov">http://www.ntsb.gov</a>. Interested parties may purchase the report from the Government Printing Office or review it in the NTSB's public reference room. All other reports or comments to Congress will be available in the NTSB's public reference room for inspection or by ordering a copy after issuance.

# Subpart F—Exemption From Public Disclosure

#### §801.50 Exemptions from disclosure.

Title 5, United States Code section 552(a) and (b) exempt certain records from public disclosure. As stated in §801.2 of this title, the NTSB may choose to make a discretionary release of a record that is authorized to be

withheld under 5 U.S.C. 552(b), unless it determines that the release of that record would be inconsistent with the purpose of the exemption concerned. Examples of records given in §\$801.51 through 801.58 included within a particular statutory exemption are not necessarily illustrative of all types of records covered by the applicable exemption.

## §801.51 National defense and foreign policy secrets.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1), national defense and foreign policy secrets established by Executive Order, as well as properly classified documents, are exempt from public disclosure. Requests to the NTSB for such records will be transferred to the source agency as appropriate, where such classified records are identified. (See, e.g., Executive Order 12,958, as amended on March 25, 2003.)

## §801.52 Internal personnel rules and practices of the NTSB.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(2), the following records are exempt from disclosure under FOIA:

- (a) Records relating solely to internal personnel rules and practices, including memoranda pertaining to personnel matters such as staffing policies, and procedures for the hiring, training, promotion, demotion, or discharge of employees, and management plans, records, or proposals relating to labor-management relations.
  - (b) Records regarding:
- (1) Internal matters of a relatively trivial nature that have no significant public interest, and
- (2) Predominantly internal matters, the release of which would risk circumvention of a statute or agency regulation.

# § 801.53 Records exempt by statute from disclosure.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3), the NTSB will not disclose records specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 U.S.C. 552(b)), provided that such statute:

(a) Requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or