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FHWA Investigation finds no evidence of multiple versions of ET Plus[®]

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) confirmed today that it found no evidence that there are multiple versions of the ET-Plus[®] guardrail end-terminal system on the nation's roadways. The system, which employs technology designed by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute in the late 1990s, was improved in 2005, and no design modifications have been made to the product in the last decade.

A joint task force comprised of individuals from FHWA and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AAHSTO) evaluated field measurement data collected by FHWA engineers of more than 1,000 of the guardrail end terminals installed in five states around the country. The task force report was released today:
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/guardrailsafety/dimensionsreport.pdf>.

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