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SUBJECT: Quality Assurance Program Implementation,
Group E-1

TO MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS

QA-13-E-1
(c-7504)

Gentlemen:

The Mechanical Division of the Association of American Railroads herein provides additional details concerning the continuing implementation of the Quality Assurance Program. As you will recall, the implementation of the program was originally announced in circular letter c-7081 dated September 10, 1985 and further explained in circular letter c-7149 dated November 10, 1986.

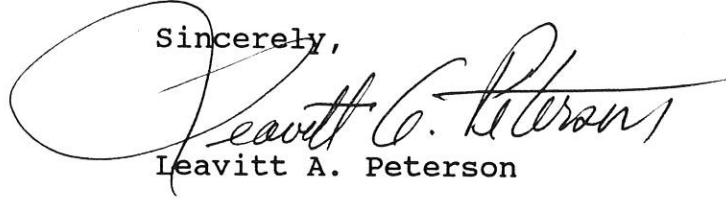
Contractors (as defined in M-1003) of components in Group E-1 are herein invited to advise the Director-Technical Committees-Quality and Components in writing of their intent to make application for Quality Assurance Certification under the provisions of Specification M-1003 by July 31, 1990. Group E-1 components include new brake beams, new air brake valves and new rubber goods (including air hoses, gaskets, packing cups, diaphragms and repair kits).

Upon receipt of a letter of intent, an application form and additional information concerning the certification process will be provided to each potential applicant. Contractors filing formal applications accompanied by payment of the initial \$750.00 fee by August 31, 1990 and their Quality Assurance Manuals by October 31, 1990 will be assured common group status; that is certification will be awarded to qualifying contractors in that group simultaneously, provided all necessary information is furnished by the applicant in a timely fashion.

Any changes to the schedule for completion of certification requirements for Group E-1 will be given well in advance of established deadlines.

Your support and cooperation will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leavitt A. Peterson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Leavitt A. Peterson