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CIRCULAR LETTER

(c-7833 )

SUBJECT: Quality Assurance Program Implementation  
Group B-2; Truck Side Frame and Bolster  
Reconditioning Facilities

GC-QA  
QA-13-B-2

TO: Members and Private Car Owners  
Reconditioners of Truck Side  
Frames and Bolsters

Gentlemen:

This Circular Letter announces a Group B-2 supplement to the Association of American Railroads Mechanical Division's continuing implementation of the Quality Assurance Program. You may recall that the original listing of Group B-2 companies, that had achieved common group certification under Specification M-1003, was published in Circular Letter c-7287, dated June 20, 1988.

Group B-2 is now being expanded to cover reconditioners of truck side frames and bolsters. Contractors (as defined in M-1003) of these components only are herein invited to advise the Director-Freight Car Construction and Components in writing by June 30, 1992 of their intent to make application for Quality Assurance Certification per Specification M-1003.

Upon receipt of a letter of intent, an application form and additional information concerning the certification process will be forwarded to each potential applicant. Those contractors who subsequently file formal applications by August 31, 1992 will be eligible to receive common group status; that is, certification will be awarded to qualifying contractors in the group simultaneously -- provided all requisites are satisfied in a timely fashion. The planned date for reconditioners to complete certification requirements is April 30, 1993.

Your support and cooperation will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Leavitt A. Peterson