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SUBJECT: Extension of Quality Assurance Program Implementations
to Group H-1: Facilities Approved for Manufacture of
Locomotive Components

TO MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS

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Circular Letter c-8279, dated November 21, 1994, announced the implementation of the Quality Assurance Program for facilities approved for locomotive manufacture.

Group H-1 is now being expanded to cover manufacturers of locomotive bearings, castings (couplers, etc.), cushioning devices, wheels, axles, and brake equipment. Contractors (as defined in AAR Specification M-1003) of these components only are herein invited to advise the Assistant Director-Quality Assurance in writing by March 31, 1995 of their intent to make applications for Quality Assurance Certification per AAR 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 applicants who subsequently file applications by May 26, 1995 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 the aforementioned manufacturers to complete certification requirements is January 1, 1996.

Prospective applicants presently certified in Commodity Groups A-1, B-1, C-1, D-1 and E-1 MUST submit letters of intent AND applications. Your support and cooperation will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

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