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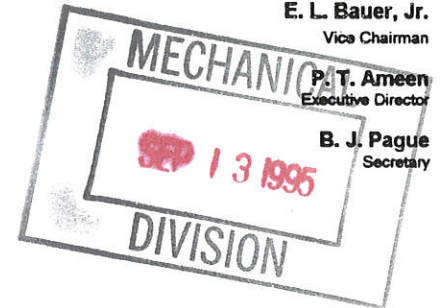
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**SUBJECT: Extension of Quality Assurance Program Implementations to Group G-2:
Facilities Approved for Manufacture of Locomotive Components**

TO MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS

**GC-QA
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Circular Letter c-8168, dated April 11, 1994, announced the implementation of the Quality Assurance Program for facilities approved for rebuild/modification per Office Manual Rule 88, multi-level satellite shops approved per Field Manual, Appendix B and shops performing 970- certifications/recertifications.

Group G-2 is now being expanded to cover all contract repair facilities. These include those engaged in general repairs, rebuilding, repair of wreck damage, and wheel/roller bearing replacement. Contractors (as defined in AAR Specification M-1003) of these components are herein invited to advise the Assistant Director-Quality Assurance in writing by November 30, 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 January 31, 1996 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 contractors to complete certification requirements is January 1, 1997.

Sincerely,

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