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**CIRCULAR LETTER**

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**SUBJECT: New Quality Assurance Program Implementation  
Schedule; Group H-2 Facilities Approved for  
Locomotive Component Repair/Reconditioning**

**File: QA-H-2**

**TO THE MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS**

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

The Technical Services Division of the Association of American Railroads herein provides additional details concerning the continuing implementation of the Quality Assurance Program. For your information, 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.

As authorized by the Mechanical Management Committee, contractors (as defined in M-1003), of components in Group H-2 are herein invited to notify by July 12, 1996 the Assistant Director, Quality Assurance, in writing, of intent to make application for Quality Assurance Certification under the provisions of Specification M-1003. Group H-2 components include bearings, castings, cushion units, draft gears, wheels, axles, brake components, traction motors, turbochargers, power assemblies, cylinder heads, injectors, governors, fuel pumps, water pumps, oil pumps, radiators, main generators and air compressors.

Upon receipt by AAR of a letter of intent, an application form and additional information concerning the certification process will be forwarded to each potential applicant. Facilities subsequently filing formal applications by September 13, 1996 will be assured "common group" status; that is, certification will be simultaneously awarded to all qualifying facilities in that group, provided all necessary information is furnished by the applicant in a timely fashion.

Dependent on the progress of requisite site audits, the schedule for completion of certification requirements for Group H-2 will be published will in advance of finalization of the common group listing.

Questions regarding application requirements or procedures should be directed to Mr. R.J. Fontaine at 202/639-2145.