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CIRCULAR LETTER

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SUBJECT: New Quality Assurance Program Implementation Schedule:
Facilities Approved as Certified Car Builders per
AAR Standard S-2034

File: QA-13-G-1

TO MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS

The Mechanical Division of the Association of American Railroads herein provides additional details concerning the continuing implementation of the Quality Assurance Program. As you may 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.

As authorized by the Mechanical Management Committee, contractors (defined in M-1003) of components in Group G-1 are herein invited to notify the Director-Freight Car Construction & Components in writing of intent to make application by August 31, 1994 for Quality Assurance Certification under the provisions of Specification M-1003. Group G-1 covers those facilities approved per AAR Standard S-2034 as certified car builders.

Upon receipt by AAR of a letter of intent, an application form and additional information concerning the certification process will be provided to each potential applicant. Facilities subsequently filing formal applications by October 31, 1994 will be assured common group status; that is certification will be awarded to qualifying facilities in that group simultaneously, 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 G-1 will be published well in advance of finalization of the common group listing.

