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**CIRCULAR LETTER**

**(c-8279)**

**SUBJECT: New Quality Assurance Program Implementation Schedule:  
Group H-1 Facilities Approved for Locomotive Manufacture**

**TO MEMBERS AND PRIVATE OWNERS**

File: QA-13-H-1

The Mechanical 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 (defined in M-1003) of components in Group H-1 are herein invited to notify by January 30, 1995 the Director-Freight Car Construction & Components in writing of intent to make application for Quality Assurance Certification under the provisions of Specification M-1003. Sister Circular Letter c-8280 announced AAR plans to conduct workshops beginning in January 1995 to gain understandings of Program requirements and to assist applicants in complying with certification criteria.

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 March 31, 1995 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.

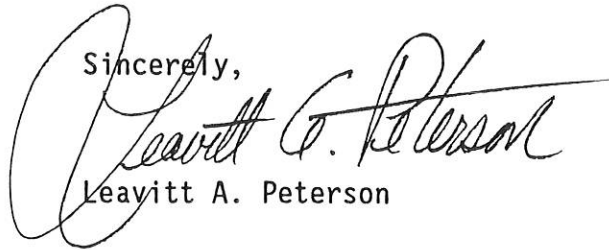
Dependent on the progress of requisite site audits, the schedule for completion of certification requirements for Group H-1 will be published well in advance of finalization of the common group listing.

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

Your support and cooperation in the industry's commitment to continuous improvement in the safety and quality of rail transport is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leavitt A. Peterson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Leavitt A. Peterson