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CIRCULAR LETTER

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SORPECT:

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-8306, dated January 31, 1995, announced the implementation of the Quality Assurance Program for facilities approved for manufacture of selected locomotive components.

Group H-1 is now being expanded to cover manufacturers of additional components as follows - traction motors, turbochargers, power assemblies, cylinder heads, injectors, governors, fuel pumps, water pumps, oil pumps, radiators, main generators and air compressors. Contractors (as defined in AAR Specification M-1003) of these components are herein invited to advise the Assistant Director-Quality Assurance in writing by May 26, 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 July 28, 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, 1997.

Sincerely,

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