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**CIRCULAR LETTER  
(c-9154)**

**Subject: Extension of AAR Quality Assurance Program to Include Facilities that  
Manufacture/Recondition Locomotive Components  
TO MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS**

**File Number: QA-15-5-00**

Safety and Operations 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.

As mandated by the Technical Services Working Committee, contractors who: Assemble Locomotive Traction Motor / Wheel Combos, Manufacture or Recondition Locomotive Cooling Fans, Grid Blower Motors, and Inertial Blower Motors, are herein invited to notify by August 15, 2000, the QA Committee Coordinator, in writing of intent to make application for Quality Assurance Certification under the provisions of Specification M-1003.

Upon receipt by QA Committee Coordinator 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 application by September 15, 2000 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 upon the progress of requisite site audits, the schedule for completion of certification requirements is targeted for January 1, 2001.

Questions regarding application requirements or procedures should be directed to Joy Cooke at 719-584-0715.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick T. Ameen".

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