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Circular Letter

Subject: Informational Circular, Equipment Advisory EI-0001, Cars Due or Overdue Periodic Air Brake Tests, Escalation to Severity Level XX

To: ALL SUBSCRIBERS

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AAR circular letter C-14173 was issued on June 9, 2023 notifying the industry of changes to Equipment Advisory EI-0001, including notification of cars moving to XX status. The initial plan was to escalate those cars that have not moved in over 2 years and those cars that are more than 2 years overdue. In September 2023, the Arbitration and Rules Committee voted to change the initial focus to those cars that are overdue and have not moved in over 1 year.

Currently there are approximately 30,000 cars on EI-0001 that have not moved in over 1 year and are overdue. These cars will be escalated in three batches of approximately 10,000 cars. A Supplement to EI-0001 will be issued on Monday August 19, 2024 adding XX status EI-0001. On Wednesday August 21, 2024 the first batch of cars will be escalated. The second batch will be escalated on Wednesday August 28th and the third batch will be escalated on Wednesday September 4th.

During the Arbitration and Rules Committee meeting September 25-27, 2024 the committee will review EI-0001 and identify the next steps in the escalation of cars to severity level XX to achieve the goal of automatically escalating to severity level XX close to the overdue date.

Please direct questions related to this circular to the undersigned at nfimple@aar.org.

Sincerely,

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