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To All General Chairman and
National Division Officers

Re: FRA Track Inspection Survey to be mailed on or about April, 20, 2010

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

This is to advise that FRA will be mailing their own track inspector survey to 661 randomly selected BMWED track inspectors on or about April 20th. The survey is being conducted by FRA under a mandate of the Rail Safety Improvement Act. The survey results will be compiled by a 3rd party contractor to FRA and the data will be aggregated into a FRA report to Congress.

If you receive calls from any of your track inspectors concerning the FRA survey, please encourage them to fill it out and return it to the address indicated. Please be assured that the names of respondents will not be identified in the report nor disclosed to anyone in any manner.

Every one of the 661 BMWED members slated to receive the FRA survey were randomly selected from the Track Inspector lists you provided to the Department of Safety for the recently completed BMWED Track Inspector Survey.

BMWED has compiled a number of reports from our survey and we will make those reports available to you and the general membership immediately after FRA completes its own survey collection. As you know, BMWED's survey data will be used by the Brotherhood in any future regulatory and/or legislative effort to amend or revise track inspection methods, procedures, training, and qualifications. The FRA data will ultimately be put to the same use, so please encourage your track inspectors to respond in a frank and meaningful way to the FRA survey.

If you or any of your track inspectors have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-508-6449 or via email at Ricki@bmwewash.org.

In Unity,

Director of Safety



U.S. Department
of Transportation

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Administrator

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April 17, 2010

Subject: Track Inspector Survey

Dear Track Inspector,

As you may know, the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 has charged the Federal Railroad Administration with the responsibility for preparing a Track Inspection Time Study for Congress. This report must address several aspects of the track inspection process including the intervals for inspection of different classes of track, methods of inspection, remedial actions, and the speed at which railroad track inspection vehicles operate and the scope of the territory that they cover. To assemble the information that the FRA needs to prepare this report, we are undertaking several data collection activities. Data from a survey of track inspectors will provide much of the information that the FRA needs for this report as well as our recommendations to Congress.

You are among a group of randomly selected track inspectors that are being asked to complete the enclosed survey. BMWED conducted its own track inspector survey which you may have participated in during 2009. As such, BMWED also supports the FRA's efforts to collect track inspection data and has provided a list of their members to receive this survey. To insure that your response is kept private, the FRA has engaged the services of QinetiQ North America for executing the survey. The names and personal information of the participants will be kept private to the extent provided by law, and the data gathered will only be used to compile the information as a group. After the study's conclusion, all the personal data gathered, including the names and addresses of survey participants, will be destroyed and only the compiled information will be incorporated into our Report to Congress.

Please provide responses to all of the items on the enclosed survey. The survey instrument includes the names of individuals at QinetiQ that you may contact with questions. A postage-paid envelope is included for the return of your completed survey. Please return the survey by May 24, 2010.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important survey.

Sincerely,

Joseph Szabo
Administrator