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Mr. Tom Meierhoff  
Iowa Interstate Railroad  
Director of Compliance and Dispatch  
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July 6, 2022

Dear Mr. Meierhoff:

This letter responds to the Iowa Interstate Railroad (IAIS) submission dated February 10, 2022, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the IAIS Conductor Certification Program received by FRA on February 10, 2022. (IAIS) has complied with FRA's procedures for submission and approval of programs is described in appendix B to 49 CFR part 242. FRA reviewed the railroad's program modification and determined that the railroad's program modification conforms with the requirements of 49 CFR part 242 for the reasons discussed below.

Letter of notification have been sent Mr. Jeremy Ferguson, President of SMART-TD labor organization representing the railroad's employees on February 10<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. FRA received no comments on the program or program modification by the labor organizations.

The program modifications are consistent with the model of the previously approved Class III railroad programs. FRA understands that the modifications are intended to provide more detail to the conductor certification process and update contact information. Additional modifications to the submission also addressed deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 242, appendix B.

Please continue in your efforts to improve railroad safety on your system.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submission at (202) 366-0978 or [FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov](mailto:FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov) or [Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov](mailto:Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov)

Sincerely,

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