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From: Edward R. English
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To: Regional Administrators, Deputy Regional Administrators,
Motive Power & Equipment Specialists and Inspectors

Earlier this year, the Motive Power and Equipment (MP&E) Specialists and Headquarters Staff convened to review and update all outstanding MP&E Technical Bulletins, some 283 in number.

As a result of this extensive review, ***effective immediately***, all MP&E Technical Bulletins issued prior to 1998 are rescinded and should be discarded. Attached are 69 MP&E Technical Bulletins, dated June 15, 1998, that have been revised and renumbered. An index is also provided that lists the TB numbers and topics. The bulletins are to assist FRA personnel in the performance of their duties. Therefore, it is imperative that they be distributed to all Motive Power and Equipment Inspectors (*both Federal and State*) and Principle Regional Inspectors in your region as quickly as possible.

As an additional new feature, these and future MP&E Technical Bulletins will be placed on FRA's Internet Web Page and can be accessed through the Internet at:

<http://www.fra.dot.gov/safetyw/mpe/tb.htm>

As an additional enhancement, these Technical Bulletins will be placed in the next update of TEXT-Trieve.

Please advise Mr. James Wilson, MP&E Headquarters Specialist, when distribution is completed in your region, with either an E-Mail or written conformation.

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