



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Railroad  
Administration**

# Memorandum

Date: SEP 10 1993

Reply to Attn. of: G-93-7

Subject: Personal Safety

From: Edward R. English ~~E. R. English~~  
Director, Office of Safety Enforcement

To: All Regional Directors, Deputy Regional Directors, Supervisory Specialists, Chief Inspectors, Inspectors and Trainees

It has recently been brought to my attention that some FRA Safety Inspectors are not adhering to safety rules imposed by facility operators (i.e., rail carrier, chemical shipper/consignee, and rail equipment manufacturer). A conscious effort is to be made by all FRA Safety Inspectors performing safety inspections at any facility over which FRA has jurisdiction to promote safety.

FRA Inspectors shall comply with a facility operator's request or requirement that specifies safety equipment be worn before conducting inspections. In some cases this may include additional equipment provided by the facility operator (i.e., protective coveralls, full face guard goggles, emergency escape breathing apparatus). Safety inspectors that are unable to meet conditions posed by a facility operator are to contact their immediate supervisor and advise him/her of the reasons why they are unable to meet any such requirement.

Also as a reminder, all FRA Inspectors riding locomotives, for any reason, are required to wear hearing protection.

The standard issued safety equipment (i.e., safety shoes, safety glasses, ear protection, hard hats, and gloves) are available through the procurement process (refer to General Notice No. G-92-12, dated December 17, 1992).

It is important that we continue to promote safety while performing our duties and set an example for industry. Failure to comply with established safety rules jeopardizes the mission of the Federal Railroad Administration.

**NOTE:** Beginning September 1 FRA staff inspecting Santa Fe Railway must wear safety work boots with 6 to 8 inch lace up tops with a defined heel.

SUBJECT: Personal Safety  
TO: All OP Inspectors and Trainees  
FROM: J.S. Leaman, OP Specialist, RRS-44  
DATE: - September 23, 1993

Attached is the General Bulletin G-93-7. Please insure that you have read and understand it's contents. This will be maintained in you General Bulletin File.

Please note that all inspections on the ATSF now require that inspectors wear safety boots while conducting train-riding or other activities. I am assuming that it also includes office visits.

Attachment