



Inspection Form

Form WMSC-IR-1

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

Agency/Department Information

Inspection Date	YYYY/MM/DD 2023/08/21	Report Number	20230809-WMSC-MAL-1
Rail Agency Name	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	Rail Agency Department	Name
Rail Agency Department	CMNT	Contact Information	
Inspection Location	Brentwood S&I Shop - Railyard B99 601 T Street NE Washington DC 20002		

Inspection Summary

Inspection Activity #	1
Activity Code	VM-WI-PI
Inspection Units	1
Inspection Subunits	1
Defects (Number)	1
Recommended Finding	No
Remedial Action Required¹	No
Recommended Reinspection	No

Activity Summaries

Inspection Activity #		Inspection Subject		Activity Code	VM-WI-PI							
Job Briefing Employee Name/Title		Accompanied Inspector?	Yes	Out Brief Conducted	No	Time	06:30 AM	Outside Shift	No			
Related Reports	N/A	Related CAPS / Findings		N/A								
Related Rules, SOPs, Standards, or Other	Ref	Rule or SOP		Standard	Other / Title			Checklist Reference				
	MetroRail Safety Rules and Procedures Handbook (MSRPH). Section 4 - Safety Rules	N/A		N/A	N/A			N/A				
Inspection Location	Main Track	Yard	Station	OCC	RTA Facility	WMSC Office	Track Type	At-grade	Tunnel	Elevated	N/A	
		X										X
Line(s) & Track Number	Brentwood S&I Shop - Railyard B99 601 T Street NE Washington DC 20002			Chain Marker and/or Station(s)		From		To				
				N/A		N/A						
Vehicles	Head Car Number		Number of Cars		Equipment		N/A					
	N/A		N/A									
Description	<p>WMSC Inspectors conducted a rules compliance inspection of the wheelset assembly process at the Brentwood S&I Shop for compliance with the Metrorail Safety Rules and Procedures Handbook (MSRPH), including Preventive Maintenance Inspections (PI) activities. General Information: WMSC met with Brentwood's Superintendent, Truck supervisor, wheel press machine operator, truck shop mechanics, and CENV engineers. The Inspection Office Supervisor provided a job safety briefing. On August 9, 2023, WMSC inspectors observed the 7K wheelset pressing of wheels onto axles at Brentwood Rail Yard. See Attachment #1. Following the competition wheel press operation, WMSC inspector requested to photograph or receive a copy of the wheelset press data sheets; but instead of receiving the data, he was told about a memo dated August 4, 2023, with the subject line "Requests for Information." Based on this memo, the WMSC inspectors were asked to follow up with other CMOR/CMNT personnel to retrieve such a copy. August 9 was the first that the WMSC was aware of this memo. The WMSC requires, per its WMSC compact and WMSC program standard, free and open communication with Metrorail personnel. Section 1, Subpart E of the WMSC Program Standard addresses access to WMATA personnel and data, and specifically part 1(a) speaks to free and open communication with WMATA personnel. WMSC's Response - WMSC submitted a response to this finding and CMOR submitted a follow-up response correcting this process and provided copies of the wheelset press data sheets. WMSC will continue to monitor these types of interactions, since they may also affect or obstruct internal collaborations between departments.</p>										Number of Defects	1
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											Recommended Reinspection?	No
Remedial Action												

¹ The rail transit agency must provide WMSC with the necessary evidence (e.g. maintenance work order system records, photos, documentation, records, data, or other evidence) to close out the Remedial Action. Closeout of Remedial Actions may also be subject to ongoing WMSC verification inspections to ensure corrections are sufficient and effective.

Inspector in Charge's Signature	Date 2023/08/21
Inspector in Charge's Name Manuel Lopez	Inspection Team John DeRenzo