



Inspection Form

Form WMSC-IR-1

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

Agency/Department Information

Inspection Date	YYYY/MM/DD 2023/08/23	Report Number	20230823-WMSC-LBW-1
Rail Agency Name	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	Rail Agency Department	Name
Rail Agency Department	RTRA	Contact Information	
Inspection Location	Carmen Turner Facility (CTF) 3500 Pennsy Drive Landover Md. 20785		

Inspection Summary

Inspection Activity #	1
Activity Code	RR-RTRA-QAI
Inspection Units	1
Inspection Subunits	0
Defects (Number)	22
Recommended Finding	Yes
Remedial Action Required¹	No
Recommended Reinspection	Yes

Activity Summaries

Inspection Activity #	1	Inspection Subject	Rail Transportation QA/QC Certification Document Review				Activity Code	RR-RTRA-QAI			
Job Briefing Employee Name/Title	Rail Transportation Training Supervisor Rail Transportation Asst. Director		Accompanied Inspector?	No	Out Brief Conducted	Yes	Time	07:00 AM	Outside Shift	No	
Related Reports	Investigation W-0232 - Evacuation for life safety reasons and the improper movement of a train during the response without protections against collision		Related CAPS / Findings			NA					
Related Rules, SOPs, Standards, or Other	Ref	Rule or SOP			Standard		Other / Title		Checklist Reference		
		SOP 1A 1.78 1.79 3.79							Performance Standardization Program Manual: Train Operations June 2020 - Sixth Revision		
Inspection Location	Main Track	Yard	Station	OCC	RTA Facility	WMSC Office	Track Type	At-grade	Tunnel	Elevated	N/A
					X						
Line(s) & Track Number	Carmen Turner Facility (CTF) 3500 Pennsy Drive Landover Md. 20785			Chain Marker and/or Station(s)		From		To			
						NA		NA			
Vehicles	Head Car Number		Number of Cars		Equipment		NA				
	NA		NA								
Description	<p>The WMSC Inspectors conducted an unannounced Quality Assurance/ Quality Control (QA/QC) certification records inspection at the Carmen Turner Training Facility (CTF) located in Landover, Maryland. The inspectors requested the training records for Train Operator (TO) Classes 23-06 to perform a certification records review. This inspection is a follow up to inspection report W-0232 that was adopted August 8, 2023, where a TO moved against the normal flow of traffic without permission or protection and radio communications did not include 100% repeat back. This improper movement was not acted upon by Metrorail and was identified by the WMSC through independent monitoring of Metrorail data and systems. The WMSC identified that Metrorail was not following the Practical Examination detailed in their Performance Standardization Manual for certification of new train operators. The practical examination phase of the Primary Qualification Examination is constructed to gauge the train operator examinees' proficiency in every aspect of train operations. The certification records review of TO Class 23-06 covered 27 train operators with 38 separate certification records being reviewed during this inspection. 48% or 13 out of the 27 train operator records reviewed were completed in accordance with the Performance Standardization Manual. 52% or 14 out of 27 train operator records did not follow the Performance Standardization Manual. Examples of deviation include: - Certifications completed without the QA certifier including the required time - Train Operators passing a second certification without passing all required tasks as outlined in the Performance Standardization Manual. - Exceeding the allotted time while still passing certification - QA examiner certifying task as passed without documenting the activity - Not retesting within the stated time</p>							Number of Defects		22	
								Recommended Finding?		Yes	
								Remedial Action Required?		No	
								Recommended Reinspection?		Yes	
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



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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 2023/08/23
Inspector in Charge's Name LeBon Bruce Walker	Inspection Team Darrell Braxton	