



Inspection Form

Form WMSC-IR-1

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

Agency/Department Information

Inspection Date	YYYY/MM/DD 2023/08/24	Report Number	20230824-WMSC-DLB-8
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	RTRA-QAI
Inspection Units	1
Inspection Subunits	0
Defects (Number)	1
Recommended Finding	No
Remedial Action Required¹	No
Recommended Reinspection	Yes

Activity Summaries

Inspection Activity #	1	Inspection Subject	Train Availability For Training				Activity Code	RTRA-QAI			
Job Briefing Employee Name/Title	Rail Transportation Training Supervisor Rail Transportation Asst. Director	Accompanied Inspector?	No	Out Brief Conducted	No	Time	07:00 AM	Outside Shift	No		
Related Reports	Related CAPS / Findings			C-0185 - Metrorail must develop and implement a program that provides for the appropriate availability of trains for required training and certification.							
Related Rules, SOPs, Standards, or Other	Ref	Rule or SOP		Standard		Other / Title		Checklist Reference			
	N/A	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
Line(s) & Track Number	Carmen Turner Facility (CTF) 3500 Pennsy Drive Landover Md. 20785			Chain Marker and/or Station(s)		From		To			
Vehicles	Head Car Number		Number of Cars		Equipment		N/A				
	N/A		N/A								
Description	<p>BACKGROUND: The WMSC received information via one of the safety reporting pathways in which concerned parties can anonymously submit safety issues that they wish to report to WMSC. The report involved a direct claim that Metrorail is not providing enough trains to facilitate its departmental training requirements. It is important to mention that Corrective Action Plan -(CAP) C-0185 has the requirement for providing an adequate number of trains for the training of rail vehicle operators. Per the CAP, "Metrorail must develop and implement a program that provides for the availability of trains for required training and certification." Additionally, the CAP has a safety risk assessment of 3C, Undesirable - Management (ESC) Decision as determined by Metrorail. As a result, a risk based inspection was conducted by two WMSC Inspectors on Wednesday August 24, 2023, at the Carmen turner Training Facility. METHOD: The WMSC Inspectors met and had a discussion with Metrorail's RTRA department representatives that comprised of two Supervisors, an Assistant Superintendent, and a Director. Metrorail was briefed on the expressed concern vetted via the anonymous report. The issues conveyed to Metrorail by the WMSC were the following: A.) Insufficient number of trains to be used during the Rail Vehicle Operator Training. B.) Resolution of the training resource deficiency. (Inadequate number of trains.) CONCLUSION/FINDING: It was found that a managerial decision was implemented by Metrorail to focus on the availability of Rail Vehicles for revenue service as opposed to the stipulation of C-0185 assuring trains for training. It was also revealed that Metrorail Quality Assurance/Quality Control - QA/QC department is using a call-in process to ensure that enough trains are ready for revenue and any remaining trains can be supplied for other needs such as training. Metrorail's representatives expressed the fact that recently rail vehicles have readily and consistently been available for training needs. However, the WMSC communicated its concern about Metrorail's management not following the tenets of C-0185. It is recommended that the situation continue to be monitored by the WMSC. Metrorail was briefed to inform the WMSC should the lack of trains for training purposes happen again. This action will serve to correct a re-occurrence in the future. Also, follow-up inspections and continued monitoring of the situation should persist.</p>						Number of Defects		0		
							Recommended Finding?		No		
							Remedial Action Required?		No		
							Recommended Reinspection?		Yes		
Remedial Action	inspections and continued monitoring of the situation should persist.										

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.



Inspection Form

Form WMSC-IR-1

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

Inspector in Charge's Signature		Date 2023/08/24
Inspector in Charge's Name Darrell Braxton	Inspection Team Bruce Walker	