



WMSC Inspection Report 20250115

ISSUED 1/21/2025

Inspection Details

Title: Carmen Turner Facility (CTF) Metrorail Operating Rulebook (MOR) Inspection

Location: Carmen Turner Facility (CTF) (T38)

Date of Inspection: 1/15/2025

Time of Inspection: 7:00am to 8:00am

Unannounced

Risk-Based (Corrective Action Plan C-0193)

Operations

Overview

On January 15, 2025, two Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (WMSC) inspectors went to the Metrorail Carmen Turner Facility (CTF) to inspect the accuracy of the Metrorail Operating Rulebooks (MOR) used in CTF Training Facilities.

This is a risk-based inspection based on the open Corrective Action Plan (CAP) C-0193 that was issued as part of the April 7, 2022, [WMSC Audit of Rail Operations](#). C-0193 was created to address finding 13 “With frequent modifications due to temporary and permanent orders, and outdated versions of Metrorail’s rulebook being distributed to personnel when hard copies are available, the latest Metrorail rules are not easily accessible to train operators. This creates document control issues and makes a rule requiring personnel to carry the latest version of the Metrorail Safety Rules and Procedures Handbook (MSRPH) unrealistic.”

Subsequently, on September 1, 2023, Metrorail replaced the MSRPH with the Metrorail Operating Rulebook (MOR). C-0193 requires that only current copies of the Metrorail Operating Rulebook (MOR) are available and in use. C-0193 remains an open corrective action plan; however, this inspection was aimed at independently verifying the effectiveness of Process Number: 2000-3-04/00, Physical Documents Distribution Process (December 18, 2024) that was submitted as Actionable Item 8.

After conclusion of the inspection, the inspectors conducted a debrief with the Supervisor of Technical Skills Training at CTF in accordance with Program Standard Section 6.F.1.



Defects and Corrective Actions

WMSC Inspections identify safety issues that may be classified as defects, findings, or recommendations. Findings and recommendations are defined by Program Standard Section 5.E.2 and 5.E.3 respectively. Ordinarily, issues identified in a WMSC inspection report are classified as defects. Defects are specific safety issues of non-conformance/non-compliance that are identified and that require remedial action.

This inspection did not identify any findings or recommendations and therefore does not require a WMSC Corrective Action Plan in accordance with Program Standard Section 5.E.4.

This inspection did not identify any defects and therefore it is only required that WMATA acknowledge receipt by Friday, January 24, 2025.

Non-Defect Observations

WMSC inspectors reviewed four Metrorail Operating Rulebooks (MOR) out of a set of twenty at the Carmen Turner Facility (CTF) classroom 156 (the primary classroom where Roadway Worker Protection Level 1 and 2 trainings are typically held) to verify that each MOR incorporated the latest Permanent Orders (PO) and Temporary Orders (TO) as of January 6, 2025. January 6, 2025, is when the most recent bulletin orders took effect. Bulletin orders outline the changes instituted by Permanent and Temporary Orders.

Additionally, inspectors verified that the orders no longer in effect were removed from the MOR. Inspectors found all four of the inspected MOR were up to date with the latest permanent and temporary orders.

Photo

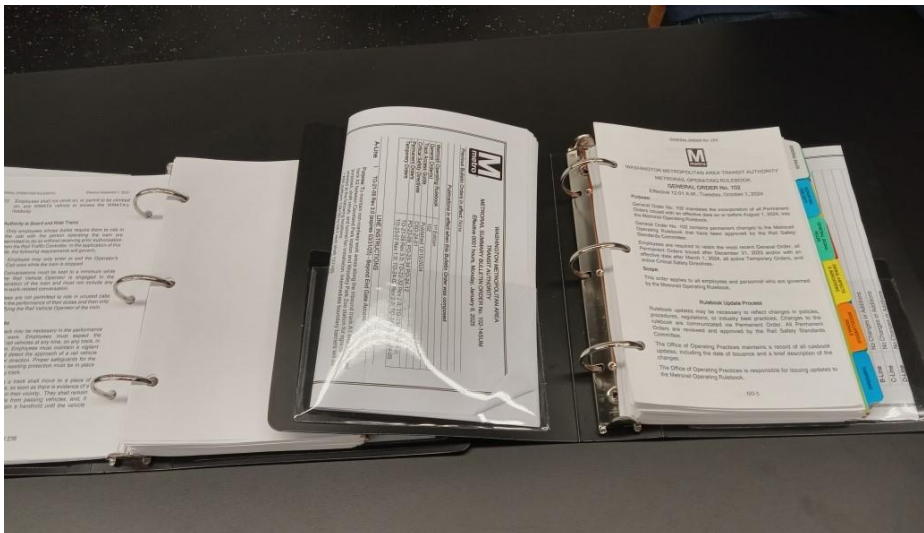


Fig 1 Current and updated MORs at CTF

Next Steps

Please respond by **Friday, January 24, 2025**, to acknowledge receipt.