



Inspection Form

Form WMSC-IR-1

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

Agency/Department Information

Inspection Date	YYYY/MM/DD 2024/10/02	Report Number	20241002-WMSC-DLB-1
Rail Agency Name	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	Rail Agency Department	Name
Rail Agency Department	Rail Transportation	Contact Information	
Inspection Location	New Carrollton Rail Yard (D99) 4700 Garden City Drive New Carrollton, MD 20784		

Inspection Summary

Inspection Activity #	1
Activity Code	OBS-SAFE-MI-QAI
Inspection Units	1
Inspection Subunits	0
Defects (Number)	1
Recommended Finding	No
Remedial Action Required¹	Yes
Recommended Reinspection	Yes

Activity Summaries

Inspection Activity #	1	Inspection Subject	RWP Rules Compliance Check				Activity Code	OBS-SAFE-MI-QAI			
Job Briefing Employee Name/Title	N/A.	Accompanied Inspector?	No	Out Brief Conducted	No	Time	11:00 AM	Outside Shift	No		
Related Reports	WMSC- 2024 Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) Audit 20240909-WMSC-DLB-1		Related CAPS / Findings			N/A.					
Related Rules, SOPs, Standards, or Other	Ref	Rule or SOP	Standard			Other / Title			Checklist Reference		
	September 27, 2024: Order regarding Metrorail's future Roadway Worker Protection Program Revisions. Metrorail Operating Rulebook (MOR)	PO-24-25-Bulletin Orders & Required Documentation	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									
Line(s) & Track Number	New Carrollton Rail Yard (D99) 4700 Garden City Drive New Carrollton, MD 20784				Chain Marker and/or Station(s)			From		To	
					N/A.			N/A.		N/A.	
Vehicles	Head Car Number		Number of Cars		Equipment		N/A.				
	N/A.		N/A.								
Description	<p>BACKGROUND: On Tuesday October 1, 2024, Metrorail effectuated four rule changes that would directly affect Roadway Worker Protection (RWP). Four permanent orders were implemented that affects Metrorail's roadway. The following is a list of the permanent orders that are the catalyst for the new rule changes: 1. PO-24-08 -Application of RWP2. PO-24-10 - Transfer of Authority 3. PO-24-05 -Bulletin Orders & Required Documentation 4. PO-24-09 -Entrust Token PURPOSE: The WMSC conducted a compliance Inspection at the New Carrollton Rail Yard (D99) to verify the effectiveness of the new rule changes. The Inspection focused on permanent order -PO-24-05 - Bulletin Orders & Required Documentation. This permanent order details the requirements of Metrorail personnel to maintain the proper documentation in their possession while working on or about WMATA property. METHOD: The inspection involved five Metrorail personnel-two Student Rail Vehicle Operators, two Rail Vehicle Operators and a station Manager totaling five Metrorail frontline personnel. To confirm and verify compliance with the stipulation of PO-24-05, each person was asked to verify compliance by showing physical possession of current bulletin orders and general orders in effect along with their updated Metrorail Operating Rulebook (MOR). Defects - (ISSUES AND CONCERNS): Out of the five Metrorail Frontline personnel sampled for compliance to mandates from PO-24-05, zero indicated compliance as they could not show that they had in their procession the required documentation. This is in violation of Permanent Order # PO-24-05 which on page 2 of 3 section 1.5 Required Books and 1.5.1 Employees must maintain and have current copies of the following with them while on duty: 1. Metrorail Operating Rulebook (all operational employees) 2. Current Special Orders (all operational employees) 3. Quick Access Guide, if their duties are affected by them, 4. Current Bulletin Orders in effect, and Current General Orders in effect CONCLUSION: The WMSC has communicated the issues and concerns to Metrorail, thereby, requiring an explanation and mitigations that will resolve this matter. It is also recommended that future compliance checks continue to ensure that Metrorail is</p>							Number of Defects		1	
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	following the new rule changes.	
Remedial Action	WMATA must address and mitigate the Rule compliance deficiency identified in this report.	

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 2024/10/02
Inspector in Charge's Name Darrell Braxton	Inspection Team N/A.	