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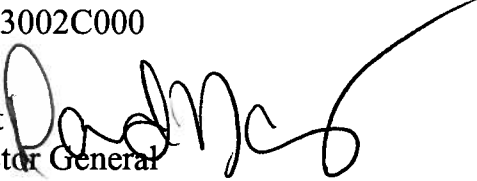
**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement—
Implementation of Mandates and
Recommendations Regarding Railroad Safety
Federal Railroad Administration
Project No. 08C3002C000

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From: David Tornquist 
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Reply to JA-50
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To: Federal Railroad Administrator

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to conduct an audit of the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) actions to improve railroad safety. This audit will address congressional concerns regarding whether or not FRA has taken certain actions to promote safety on the Nation's freight and passenger rail lines. The objective of this audit is to assess FRA's progress in implementing congressional mandates and recommendations made by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and OIG regarding railroad safety.

We plan to begin the audit the week of November 5, 2007. The audit will be conducted at FRA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule a formal entrance conference. The Program Director for the audit is Brenda R. James and the Project Manager is Wendy M. Harris. If you have any questions or require additional information about this audit, please call me at (202) 366-9970, or Brenda James at (202) 366-0202.

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