

- 4. Inadequate organization and procedures in the Sheridan Yard operation.

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VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Transportation Safety Board recommends that:

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- 1. The Burlington Northern revise the turn-over book system at Sheridan Yard, and anywhere else that it is used, so that the transfer of information is clear, concise, and accomplished in a consistent manner. The system should assign responsibility for accurate preparation of the information as well as acknowledgement of receipt and understanding.

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- 2. The Burlington Northern analyze the operation at Sheridan Yard as it relates to the fixed signals and the operating rules, reconcile the rules and procedures, and require compliance with rules by the operating personnel.

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- B. The Burlington Northern re appraise its personnel training and qualification practices and the assignment of duties to employees, and take corrective action where warranted.

The Safety Board reiterates the recommendation made in its report of the freight train derailment and passenger train collision with a hazardous material car on the Penn Central at Sound View, Connecticut, on October 8, 1970:

"The Federal Railroad Administration continue to a conclusion its recently initiated efforts in the matter of the improvement of the design of locomotive operator compartments to resist crash damage, and in conjunction with the Association of American Railroads undertake a review of modern design crashworthiness concepts in an effort to identify areas of applicability in the railroad industry."

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