

RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Transportation Safety Board recommends that:

1. The Penn Central Transportation Company:
 - (a) Review its rule enforcement program and take the necessary action to insure that its employees understand and comply with the operating rules. (Recommendation R-75-11)
 - (b) Promulgate operating rules that provide specific guidance for the use of radio in railroad operations. (Recommendation R-75-12)
 - (c) Provide specific, current operational criteria to draw-bridge operators to guide them in the reasonable accommodation of both trains and ships. A copy of these and all subsequent instructions should be furnished to the U. S. Coast Guard to insure their awareness of current railroad operating procedures. (Recommendation R-75-13)
2. The U. S. Coast Guard review the waterway and railway operating conditions at the Penn Central crossing of the Cuyahoga River and promulgate appropriate regulations to accommodate both river and rail traffic safely. (Recommendation R-75-14)
3. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issue regulations to require that railroads institute formal locomotive cab management procedures which will specify the duties of each crew-member and to insure appropriate crew action when the engineer does not function in a manner consistent with the safety of the train. These procedures should be integrated with the results of the ongoing FRA/industry locomotive-cab design project. (Recommendation R-75-15)

The Safety Board reiterates the following recommendations:

1. That the FRA issue as soon as possible regulations to provide for the use of radio in railroad operations. These regulations should include the traditional safeguards found in existing railroad operating rules where they apply to train movements. It is further recommended that, in drafting such regulations, consideration be given to the principles and procedures for radio used by military and civilian aviation authorities. (Recommendation R-72-9 adopted April 19, 1972.)
2. That the FRA include in their proposed Standards for Rules Governing the Operation of Trains, regulations that will in

effect prohibit the use of narcotics and intoxicants by employees for a specified period prior to their reporting for duty and while they are on duty. (Recommendation R-74-9 adopted March 20, 1974.)

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