

RECOMMENDATIONS

R-68-6
A wide variety of inadequacies in rules, operating practices and personnel training were revealed by the investigation of this accident on one of the largest railroads in the country. The investigation also identified ineffective organization, inadequate use of modern communications devices (such as radiotelephone), and a lack of application of modern techniques such as the use of human factors engineering in designing operators' control stations.

The observed situation would indicate the need for a re-appraisal, a self-assessment and corrective action by the industry.

This we recommend.

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Beyond that, conditions found to exist and recounted in detail in this report are specifically called to the attention of the Federal Railroad Administration of the Department of Transportation and of the Congress with the recommendation that both consider them in connection with their consideration of legislation (S. 526) now pending in the Congress, and which proposes that additional safety regulatory authority be conferred on the Department of Transportation in the railroad field.

R-68-8
The Board recommends that the New York Central Railroad revise and amend its operating Rules, and require compliance with them by its operating personnel.

R-68-9
The Board recommends that the New York Central Railroad reconcile its rules and procedures concerning operators being on duty in their offices until relieved.