



## Briefing Information

### System Special Instructions

#### Item 45 – Network Operations Center Notification Requirements

Effective Wednesday, July 22, 2009, SSI Item 45 - Network Operations Center Notification Requirements, under the heading of “Procedures for Contacting Help Desks”, the second bullet is amended.

##### **What will change?**

The following instruction for train crews is added: *Before repositioning of the lead locomotive in a consist, train crews must contact the Mechanical Help Desk to check lead qualification status of other locomotives in the consist to determine which may be used as a lead locomotive.*

##### **Why the change?**

Before beginning the work processes involved with re-positioning of a lead locomotive in a consist, including going between equipment, operating switches, coupling / uncoupling air hoses and MU cables, it is necessary to contact the BNSF Mechanical Help Desk to ensure the locomotive to be used as a replacement is qualified to be used as a lead locomotive. Since the BNSF Mechanical Desk maintains information regarding locomotive status, it is important to verify there are no conditions preventing the desired locomotive from being used as a lead locomotive, which a crew may otherwise be unaware of.

**SSI Item 45 – Network Operations Center Notification Requirements, under the heading of “Procedures for Contacting Help Desks”, the second bullet is amended entirely to read:**

• Mechanical Help Desk—After initially recording and providing general information about defective locomotives, cars, or an ETD to the train dispatcher, the Mechanical Help Desk must be communicated with concerning the defect. Crew will report specific details concerning the defect and be governed by that supervisor’s instructions concerning handling of the defect.

Note: At terminals, locomotive defects (on either ROAD or YARD locomotives) must be reported to local supervision AND the Mechanical Help Desk.

Before repositioning of the lead locomotive in a consist, train crews must contact the Mechanical Help Desk to check lead qualification status of other locomotives in the consist to determine which may be used as a lead locomotive.

The Mechanical Help Desk may also be contacted by phone at:  
Operations North—(817) 234-6258, Co. Line (8) 234-6258  
Operations South—(817) 234-2300, Co. Line (8) 234-2300