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CIRCULAR LETTER
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**Subject: Miscellaneous Tracking Equipment or Components Attached to Freight Cars
TO MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS**

Recently we have noticed an increasing number of freight car monitoring and tracking devices which utilize GPS and other technologies. In nearly all cases, such devices have been attached unilaterally by the car owner, shipper, or lessee with no prior approval or even notification to the handling carrier(s).

This is to advise that, except for AEI transponders, any tracking or monitoring device intended for attachment to an interchange freight car must have the prior approval of the AAR Equipment Engineering Committee or the AAR Tank Car Committee, as applicable.

Car owners, shipper owners and lessees who have such components applied to cars must *promptly* contact the appropriate committee and submit detail drawings of the device, installation instructions, a general description of its intended use & features, and a listing of all such equipped cars.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick T. Ameen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'P'.

Patrick T. Ameen