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Subject: Sample Car Inspection - Location of Brake Components

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To: Regional Administrators, Deputy Regional Administrators,
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In Chapter 3 of the MP&E Enforcement Manual, the instructions for performance of Sample Car Inspections are described.

Further, the manual outlines the need to investigate and report on the type of brake applied to the car. While an inspection or examination of the brake is being performed, it is especially important to examine the location of pertinent brake components which must be inspected during the performance of initial and intermediate train air brake inspections by railroad inspectors.

The brake components should be so located that an inspection may be safely conducted without an inspector placing himself/herself in a precarious or unsafe position.

If an exception is taken to the location of any component, photographs should be taken and the condition explained on Form FRA F6180.4.

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