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Reply to the Attention of: S-96-01
Subject: 49 CFR §236.330
Power-operated Switch Machines
Revision of Interpretation and Application
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The S&TC technical resolution committee, meeting in Atlanta, GA, on March 4, 1996, acted on a request for clarification of the application of Section 236.330 of the RS&I. The question before the committee was whether or not this rule should be applicable to power-operated switch machines.

After a review of historical documents and AAR recommended practices, it was the consensus of the committee that the application should be changed to make the rule applicable only to pipe-connected switch-and-lock movements, and to exempt power-operated switch machines from the requirements of this rule. The application of 236.330 was edited to read:

Application:

Applies to both interlocking and traffic control systems.

Applies only to pipe-connected, mechanically-operated switch-and-lock movements. Does not apply to power-operated switch machines such as US&S M2, M3, M22, or M23 machines or GRS Model 5 or 55 switch machines.

Holes and notches in lock rod should have square edges to prevent forcing locking dog or plunger into lock rod.