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RE: Docket No. TR-021465

To Whom It May Concern:

On May 16, 1998, I was employed as a railroad engineer with the Union Pacific Railroad. While operating a yard locomotive in a switching yard, as light power, I was seriously injured as a result of the Remote Control Locomotive handling a cut of 50 grain cars, while being shoved blind by remote control operator.

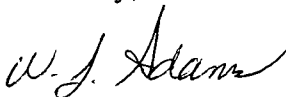
Subsequently, I have been rendered disabled for life due to an excessive back injury resulting in a multi-level fusion. My life will never be the same, as I am in constant pain and cannot work ever again let alone live a normal life.

I feel that the RCO device was a major contributor to my accident. Serious consideration should be brought to this committee with regard to the potential hazards of handling railroad cars and equipment with the RCO device.

I believe it is a major oversight by the railroads with regard to the safety of their employees, and the general public in and around the operating practices where these devices are being used.

As a former railroad employee I would appreciate you putting safe guards in place since the use of the RCO devices apparently are going to be used. Hopefully there will not be any more people in the condition that I am in or even worse deaths arising out of the use of these faulty devices.

Sincerely,



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