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BMWED Track Inspection Survey Aggregate Report

In October 2008, the United States Congress enacted the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA). The RSIA mandates that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) initiate a number of rail safety improvements, rulemakings, and safety studies. One such study required to be conducted by FRA and reported to the Congress under Section 403 of the RSIA relates to track inspections.

In response to this Congressional mandate for FRA to conduct a track inspection study, BMWED President Freddie N. Simpson directed the Brotherhood's Department of Safety to develop and conduct our own independent survey of BMWED members employed as track inspectors. The study was conducted in order to provide BMWED track inspectors a means to express their views and opinions about track inspection issues, and to provide the union with comparative data independent of the Congressionally-mandated FRA study on track inspection.

The BMWED survey was developed in-house and mailed to 1,543 BMWED track inspectors who are qualified and designated to inspect track under (49 CFR) §213.7 of the federal Track Safety Standards. 454 BMWED track inspectors --roughly thirty percent (30%) --completed and returned their surveys by the deadline. BMWED takes this opportunity to thank all the track inspectors who contributed their time and talent to this survey effort.

To view the aggregate survey data compiled from all railroads surveyed, please click [here](#). Members with questions may contact Director of Safety Rick Inclima at 202-508-6449 or Ricki@bmwewash.org.

