

Industrial Railway Regulation – Interpretation

(f) “person in charge” means a person responsible for ensuring the safe conduct of the work of employees.

IROR – 2 General Rules

2.1 Every employee in any service connected with rail car movements and protection of track work and track units shall

(h) seek clarification from the person in charge of rail operations if in doubt as to the meaning of any rule or instruction.

SITUATION: A crew has just reported for their shift at an industrial rail facility. Before starting any work, they are required to review any new operating bulletins that may affect their work scope. A new operating bulletin is in effect that outlines a new safe work instruction for rail switching operations. The crew is unsure how apply the new safe work instruction.

QUESTION: Who does the crew contact to confirm the proper application of the new safe work instruction?

ANSWER: The crew is to contact the person in charge of the rail operations at their facility. The person in charge will be so indicated in the General Operating Instructions (GOI).

INTERPRETATION: The person in charge is a person responsible for ensuring the safe conduct of the work of employees connected to railway operations. This person will be so indicated in company specific special instructions which are contained in the General Operating Instructions (GOI).

SUMMARY: Employees connected with rail movements, protection of track work and track units, must seek clarification from the person in charge if they are in doubt as to the meaning of any rule or instruction.

