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**Federal Railroad
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Memorandum

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Subject: Air Brake System - Reservoir Connecting Pipes

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To: Regional Administrators, Deputy Regional Administrators,
Motive Power & Equipment Specialists and Inspectors

There have been incidences where inspectors have detected freight cars in-service that have reservoir connecting pipes incorrectly applied. The auxiliary portion of the reservoir was connected to the emergency portion of the brake valve and the emergency portion of the reservoir was connected to the service portion of the brake valve.

Inspectors should be alert to the above condition and when detected, they should take appropriate action.

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