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Operation of Equipment

Use of Automatic Couplers

Automatic couplers are not always provided on all track equipment. A mechanical linkage type de-coupler is also approved for track equipment to allow de-coupling without personnel positioning themselves between equipment. This section of the MSA is interpreted as requiring automatic couplers for those cars that are regularly coupled and uncoupled, but not necessarily all rail equipment. A device designed to allow for de-coupling without exposing miners between equipment would be acceptable.