

The following Safety Recommendation was issued as a result of NTSB Railroad Accident Brief “Union Pacific Railroad Employee Fatality Kansas City, Kansas.” Report number RAR-17-13. Adopted on December 29, 2017 and published on January 8, 2017.

Safety Recommendation Number	Safety Recommendation Recipient	Safety Recommendation Text
R-17-031	Union Pacific Railroad	Develop and implement a modification to the existing man-down alarms that allows yard workers to reliably differentiate between legitimate and noncritical man-down messages from remote control units.

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On December 29, 2017, the NTSB adopted its brief *Union Pacific Railroad Employee Fatality, Kansas City, Kansas, September 29, 2015*, RAB-17/13. The details of this accident investigation and the resulting safety recommendations may be found in the attached report, which can also be accessed at <http://www.nts.gov>.

Among the Safety Recommendations is one issued to the Union Pacific Railroad, which can be found on page 8 of the report.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate a response within 90 days, detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement this recommendation. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response to [correspondence@nts.gov](mailto:correspondence@nts.gov). If it exceeds 20 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

