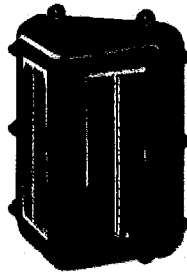


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Rail Update

NREC GenSets exceeding expectations

Based on revenue-service switching operations at two railroads, National Railway Equipment Co. (NREC) GenSet locomotives are performing beyond expectations, particularly in terms of fuel efficiency.

Following a two-week service test of an NREC N-ViroMotive™ GenSet, Indiana Rail Road Chief Mechanical Officer Dick Finley commented, "We were pleasantly surprised that this extremely fuel efficient locomotive also pulls as well as our two existing units, which total much more horsepower. We also liked the lower noise and emission levels." Fuel savings were measured at 67%.

The Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad, a short line owned by Rail America, also has recorded significant fuel savings with its new N-ViroMotive GenSet locomotives, acquired earlier this year from NREC. Dallas-based DG&N has operated two 1,400-hp twin-GenSet units since early summer.

DG&N CMO John Rogers said, "We are getting over 40% fuel savings compared to the two GP38 locomotives that these GenSets replaced. They are very quiet running but the real difference in fuel savings comes from 'sleep time.'" Instead of idling, the N-ViroMotive GenSet units automatically shut down when not under load and each engine restarts as the load increases during operation.

Train accidents drop 15% in year's first eight months

The Federal Railroad Administration says railroads reported 1,685 train accidents in this year's first eight months, down 15.4% from the 1,992 accidents reported in the corresponding period last year.

Collisions declined by 4.6% to 124, and derailments were down 14.3% to 1,249. Yard accidents were down 17.7% to 857. Train accidents resulted in three deaths, compared with one in the first eight months of last year, 26 in 2005, and eight in 2004.

Total railroad-related fatalities, which occur mainly at grade crossings and in trespassing incidents, were down 7.4% to 565 in the January-August period this year. There were 227 crossing deaths, a decline of 7.7% from the same period last year, and 313 trespasser fatalities, a decline of 10.8%.

A total of 8,421 incidents were logged by 702 reporting railroads in this year's first eight months, down 8.90% from the 9,047 recorded by 705 railroads in the prior-year period.

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