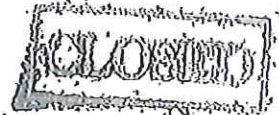


NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS  
INVESTIGATIVE CLOSING REPORT

TITLE: Waste  
DATE OF REPORT: May 6, 2009  
REPORT PREPARED BY: [redacted] SA/[redacted], SA

CASE NUMBER: 08-094

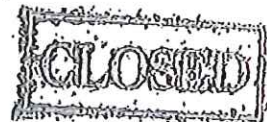
1. FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS



A. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Office of Inspector General ("OIG"), Office of Investigations ("OI") received information alleging that Amtrak paid food and lodging expenses for ten Chicago, Illinois ("CHI") based employees attending Train Director ("TD") training classes in CHI from July 21, 2008 through September 19, 2008. Allegedly, Amtrak paid \$58,000 in food and lodging expenses for these employees, even though the employees resided in the CHI area.
2. On August 21, 2009, OI issued a Referral to Management to [redacted], [redacted], for handling or investigation of the allegation (See Exhibit 1).
3. On September 2, 2009, OI received a response from [redacted] (See Exhibit 2) indicating that the employees had been lodged at the hotel during training to, "Avoid the stress and personal distraction that being at home can create." OI deemed this response insufficient.
4. OI obtained and reviewed the invoices from the hotel at which the employees stayed; as well as payroll records reflecting the amount of daily meal allowances each employee received. OI found that Amtrak paid a total of \$75,627.65 in hotel room and meal expenses for the employees while they attended the TD training. OI verified that the employees lodged at the hotel during the TD training lived in the CHI area, and interviewed each employee that had attended the training.
5. On March 3, 2009, OI issued an Administrative Report to [redacted], [redacted], detailing that Amtrak had paid for employees to stay in a hotel during training, including on weekends, even though the employees lived in the CHI area (See Exhibit 3). OI's report also disclosed that the TD trainees did not stay in their hotel rooms a total of 119 nights, and that Amtrak paid \$13,798.18 for these unoccupied hotel rooms
6. On April 14, 2009, OI received a response for [redacted] indicating that he took no exceptions to the findings OI presented to him. [redacted] indicated that he had directed staff not to allow employees who normally commute to a training location to be provided overnight lodging, except for extremely rare circumstances.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS



1. Close case.

Chief Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Inspector General/Counsel: CM/ST Date: 5/7/2009