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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Ronald Ester
Chief Safety Officer
MBTA Safety Department
185 Kneeland Street
Boston, MA 02111

RE: Electrical access boxes along Right of Way **Immediate Action Notice**

Dear Mr. Ester:

On March 6, 2023 a Department of Public Utilities track engineer and I were present with an instructor and section repair person on the Red Line to conduct an independent review of track conditions and the MBTA's compliance with the agency safety plan. DPU walked the Red Line section of track between Ashmont and Savin Hills on the southbound track. As a result of this inspection the DPU identified a condition that requires an immediate corrective action. Therefore, the DPU directs you to create a corrective action plan in accordance with 20 CMR 151.07 resolving the following items:

1. Ensure the closure and securement of all communications & signals control boxes, access panels and pump rooms between Ashmont and Savin Hills within 24 hours.
2. Ensure a system wide audit of communication and signals control boxes, access panels and pump rooms to ensure each location is physically controlled by access controls. This action will be completed within 72 hours.

Please contact me if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert N. Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "H".

Robert N. Hanson
Director Rail Transit Safety

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