

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD Investigative Hearing



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Metrorail train 302 that encountered heavy smoke in the tunnel between the L'Enfant Plaza Station and the Potomac River Bridge on January 12, 2015

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Track & Structures TRST Leak Training and References

TRST has the following references for leaks in their current training guides and reference manuals:

- Track Walker Entry Level Training Guide
 - o Track Walker Primary Duties page 6; items A & E reference drains and culverts
 - Track Structure/Direct Fixation page 27; references tunnel invert
 - Track Walker Track Inspection Mainline page 41, "Table of Items to Check and What to Look For"
 - Check List; Drainage Ditches and Culverts Blocked
 - o Drainage Systems page 45, "water is the #1 enemy..."
 - o Switch and Turnout Inspection page 51, "Table of Items to Check and What to Look For";
 - Check List; Ballast & Drainage

WMATA - 1000 Track Standards Manual

- Leak Identification Reference
 - Section 3.2.2.4
 - 3.2.2.4 Tunnel Section Particular attention must be given to tunnel liner and, when leaks are noted, they are to be reported on the daily report and added to the defect database. See Figure 3-1 for typical tunnel section drainage facilities.

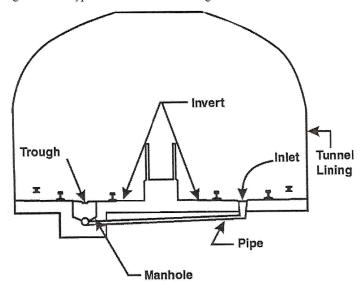


Figure 3-1, Tunnel Section Drainage Facility