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OVERTIME ABUSE AT THE LOS ANGELES YARD FEBRUARY 27, 2014 CASE OIG-I-2014-504

OI conducted an investigation into an allegation that employees of the Los Angeles yard were receiving overtime pay for overtime that was not worked. We selected for review, three employees of the Los Angeles yard. We found that these three employees left the yard approximately 15 minutes before the end of their assigned shifts. It was determined that supervisors allowed yard engineers and conductors twenty minutes of "tie-up" time to perform various tasks. With more than 30 employees in these work assignments, the time lost by employees leaving the premises and not using the time for "tie up" purposes could potentially be substantial. The matter was brought to management's attention. Management reaffirmed to all crew members that they were not to leave Amtrak property prior to their authorized end time.