



## Memorandum

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**From:** David R. Warren   
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**Date:** July 8, 2013

**Subject:** Follow-up Audit on Progress in Achieving Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (Project Code 013-2013)

We are initiating a follow-up audit of Amtrak's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). ADA became law in 1990 and required that intercity rail stations be made accessible to persons with disabilities by July 26, 2010. In September 2011, we reported that Amtrak had not met this requirement since only 48 of the 482 (10 percent) stations it serves were ADA-compliant. Amtrak established a goal of having the remaining stations ADA-compliant by September 30, 2015.

Our audit objective is to assess Amtrak's progress toward achieving ADA-compliance at the stations it serves. Our primary focus will be on assessing the progress made in addressing issues raised in our prior report. We request that the Controls Group arrange an entrance conference for us with the appropriate Amtrak officials at the earliest possible date. We will keep you advised of the status of our work and any material changes in our audit objectives.

Dorian Herring will be the auditor-in-charge for this assignment. If you have questions regarding this audit, please contact me at (202) 906-4742, ([David.Warren@amtrakoig.gov](mailto:David.Warren@amtrakoig.gov)) or Michael Kennedy, Senior Director, Audits, at (202) 906-4308, ([Michael.Kennedy@amtrakoig.gov](mailto:Michael.Kennedy@amtrakoig.gov)).

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