(c) When such tanks or equipment are not in compliance with the requirements of this subchapter, the Committee may recommend service trials to determine the merits of a change in specifications. Such service trials may be conducted only if the builder or shipper applies for and obtains a special permit.

§ 179.7 Quality assurance program.

(a) At a minimum, each tank car facility shall have a quality assurance program, approved by AAR, that—

1. Ensures the finished product conforms to the requirements of the applicable specification and regulations of this subchapter;

2. Has the means to detect any nonconformity in the manufacturing, repair, inspection, testing, and qualification or maintenance program of the tank car; and

3. Prevents non-conformities from recurring.

(b) At a minimum, the quality assurance program must have the following elements:

1. Statement of authority and responsibility for those persons in charge of the quality assurance program.