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Mr. David Rangel  
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### **Re: Engineer/Conductor Training**

Dear Dave,

Having recently spent a week at your facility for my locomotive engineer recertification training, I would like to thank you and Scott for your hospitality. I found Modoc to be a high-tech, state of the art training facility where boots get dusty, hands get dirty and students get a taste of railroad life in a structured, disciplined environment. I have nearly four decades of railroad experience, and was quite impressed. I found your hands-on equipment, from track switches to air brake components, simulators, cars and locomotives, to be very useful in the course. Your computer learning aids were equally valuable.

I really enjoyed your classes, and am glad that my input was of value. Scott is a great engineer instructor and I admire his no-nonsense approach to developing safe work habits, as well as his willingness to spend the necessary time to help his students reach their goals. Y'all make a great team, and I look forward to seeing you in the future.

Thanks for everything, and if I can ever be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Charles L. "Smokey" Culver