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ABTH 102.3 Unattended Locomotives item 5 refers to the hand brakes required when securing locomotives. Item 6 is where the issue arises by requiring the release of air brakes to confirm the hand brakes will prevent movement. Two separate locomotive consists knuckled together have two separate air brake systems. Both systems must be released to test the hand brakes will prevent movement. We have three options:

- Stop Short and secure our consist without knuckling in.
- Call the Pit and check if workers are coming out shortly and wait for relief.
- Knuckle in, tie hand brakes per 102.3 and release the air brakes on all consists to check the hand brakes prevent movement.

These securement requirements apply to the diesel pits and wherever multiple consists are left unattended together. Local Management, the System Safety Test Team, and the Rules Hotline are all up to speed and in agreement on this understanding of ABTH 102.3. This is an exception specifically looked for by the System Safety Test Team and will be included in management rules training.

In short, when securing locomotives, we need to release ALL air brakes to ensure the hand brakes will prevent movement.

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