NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #100
MODIFICATION OF COURSE HOURS FOR
S-234, IGNITION OPERATIONS
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BACKGROUND
The Ignition Operations course, S-234 is currently under revision, it was last revised in 1999. The course design provides instruction to students desiring to become qualified as a Firing Boss (FIRB). The course is also recommended curriculum for a large number of operational positions.

CURRENT STATUS
The existing S-234 course is 32 hours in length. It is the consensus of the course revision group of subject matter experts that the 32 hours of classroom time currently allotted to present the course material is excessive. The prior course evaluations indicated an excess amount of time was spent on relatively simple concepts, this coupled with the elimination of concepts covered in other NWCG courses allows for reduction of required classroom time. This course is not required in the PMS 310-1; therefore this change will not result in decreasing required training hours.

RECOMMENDATION
It is the recommendation of the revision group of subject matter experts that the course hours be decreased to 16 hours.

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TWT Chair   **Date**

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