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Fatigue Working Group Update

TO

The 50th Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Washington, DC
October 31, 2013

Background

- Established December 8, 2011

- Purpose: To provide advice regarding development of implementing regulations for Fatigue Management Plans and their deployment under the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008

Background

- Working Group met 8 times

- Task Forces:

    – Training and Education Task Force

    – Environment and Infrastructure Task Force

    – Scheduling Practices Task Force

Status

- August 5, 2013: Electronic Ballot to Full RSAC

  – Consensus Rule Text

  – Education Task Force guidance document

- August 22, 2013: Ballot withdrawn for further Working Group discussion

- September 10, 2013: Working Group Meeting

September 2013 Working Group Meeting

- Reviewed outstanding FRA guidance documents:

  – Temperature and Vibration Effects

  – Scheduling Practices

- Reaffirmed consensus on rule text

- *Discussed placement and role of guidance documents with respect to rule, but unable to reach agreement*

Current Status

- Working Group remains in consensus on previously developed rule text and guidance documents with the following <u>exceptions:</u>

  – Labor:

    - Predictability must be ***explicitly*** addressed in rule text or appendix—preamble discussion not enough
    - Lodging dispute resolution guidance document (or vital portions thereof) must be included as a rule appendix

Current Status

- Rail Management:
    - Ready to recommend Full RSAC accept Consensus Rule Text (without any appendices) and Guidance Documents
    - Does not agree with adding dispute resolution or predictability to rule text or including as appendix
    - Believes predictability is already sufficiently addressed in existing rule text
    - Would consider a preamble discussion or guidance on predictability with WG review

Future Actions

- Next meeting tentatively scheduled for December 10, 2013 (postponed)

- FRA Action Items:

  – Edit Scheduling document

  – Develop Fatigue Reference Guide for issuance

  – Draft language for predictability

- Conference call to discuss economic impacts

QUESTIONS?