



# Railroad Safety Advisory Committee

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## **Risk Reduction Program Working Group Update**

to

## **The 46<sup>th</sup> Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Meeting**

Washington, DC  
April 26, 2012

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# Background

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- Established December 8, 2011
  - Purpose: to develop requirements for certain railroads to develop a Risk Reduction Program as mandated by the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA).
  - First meeting held January 31-February 1, 2012
    - Cambridge, MA
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# Items Requiring Specific Report

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- Determine the required elements of an acceptable Risk Reduction Program.
  - Determine minimum requirements for Risk Reduction Program Plan
  - Determine the approach to risk-based hazard analysis, (i.e. hazard identification, risk analysis and assessment, and risk mitigation.) Establish time frames of program submission, FRA review, railroad re-submission, etc.
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# Items Requiring Specific Report

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- Select criteria to identify railroads that have an inadequate safety record.
  - Identify the compliance duration/cycle for railroads with inadequate safety records
  - How should Risk Reduction Program Plans address Technology Implementation Plan?
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# Items Requiring Specific Report

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- Final determination regarding which risk-based hazard data should be protected from discovery.
  - What processes should be in place in the event a Risk Reduction Program Plan is not approved?
  - What processes will be used to periodically audit Risk Reduction Programs after they have been approved?
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# First Meeting Highlights

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- Reviewed task statement
  - Reviewed comments from ANPRM
  - Reviewed required elements as outlined in RSIA
  - Reviewed current programs consistent with RRP (both labor and management perspectives)
  - Developed initial framework or outline
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# Second Meeting Highlights

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- Held April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC
  - Reviewed revised outline/framework
  - Initiated discussion of scope (which railroads must comply)
  - Held extensive discussions on protection of data/information
  - Held extensive discussions on consultation of affected employees
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# Upcoming

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- Next meeting May 16-17 (and another June 13)
  - Items to be resolved include:
    - Scope of rule (definition of inadequate safety performance)
    - Scope of communication/outreach
    - Protection of data/information? (Section 109)
    - Consultation with affected employees (Section 103(g))
    - Timelines
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