



Railroad Safety Advisory Committee



Risk Reduction Program Working Group Update

to

The 46th Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Washington, DC
April 26, 2012



Background

- 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



- 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

- 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

- 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



- 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



- Held April 10th and 11th 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

- 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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