



# Railroad Safety Advisory Committee

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## **Medical Standards Working Group Update**

to

## **The 45<sup>th</sup> Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Meeting**

December 8, 2011  
Washington, DC

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## Task 06–03:

Medical Standards for Safety-Critical  
Personnel

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## Activities & Progress:

- WG meeting held on September 27 - 28, 2011.
- Physicians Task Force telephone conferences held:

August 18, 2011

August 25, 2011

August 31, 2011

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## Activities & Progress:

Medical qualification guidance for:

- Locomotive engineers who must be certified (49 CFR Part 240).
  - Conductors who must be certified (NPRM - 49 CFR Part 242).
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## Activities & Progress:

Medical qualification guidance for:

- Impairments of visual acuity, visual field, color perception
  - Impairments of hearing acuity
  - Medical conditions that can cause sudden incapacitation
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## Activities & Progress:

- Medical guidance for “obstructive sleep apnea” to complement other risk mitigation initiatives such as:
    - ✓ The “Railroaders Guide to Healthy Sleep” website,
    - ✓ hours of service law and regulation, and
    - ✓ railroad risk reduction plans.
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## Activities & Progress:

- Small Task Force established on Sept 27, 2011, and tasked to:
    - review medical qualification drafts prepared to date, and
    - prepare draft text recommendations for distribution to WG members for review and discussion at the next WG meeting.
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## Activities & Progress:

- Small Task Force – correspondence by email.
  - Physicians Task Force – no meetings scheduled at this time.
  - Next scheduled WG meeting: February 1 – 2, 2012.
  - Target date for delivery to Full RSAC: 2012
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Thank you for your attention

