



Railroad Safety Advisory Committee



General Passenger Safety-GPS Task Force

to

The 45th Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

December 8, 2011
Washington, DC



GPS Task Force



- This is an update on:
 - Passenger Train Door Task;
 - System Safety Task:



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- Passenger Train Door Task:
 - Approved by the Full RSAC May, 20, 2011;
 - The NPRM is anticipated to be published in 2012;
 - The mechanical requirements are consistent with the APTA Door Standard;
 - The Door Operating Procedures are additions to existing rules.
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- System Safety Task:
 - The task was originally assigned in 2008, prior to the Rail Safety Improvement Act - RSIA of 2008;
 - RSIA required FRA to develop a regulated Risk Reduction Program-RRP;
 - FRA determined that the System Safety Rule making would satisfy the RRP requirements of RSIA for Passenger Railroads;
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- System Safety Task:
 - The GPS Task Force, last met March, 18 & 19, 2010, at which time the Task Force reached “Agreement in Principle” on Revision 25 of the System Safety recommendation;
 - Members of the Task Force stated that they would not agree to a consensus vote without knowing the results of a legal study, required by Section 109, of RSIA;
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- **The Legal Study:** Congress directed FRA to complete a study evaluating— whether it is in the public interest, to withhold from discovery or admission into evidence in a Federal or State court proceeding for damages involving personal injury or wrongful death against a carrier any report, survey, schedule, list, or data compiled or collected for the purpose of evaluating, planning, or implementing a railroad safety risk reduction programs.
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- Section 109 Legal Study:
 - The study is complete and posted on the FRA Website & in the Docket;
 - FRA is working on language to be inserted into the RRP & SSPP Rules regarding the protections;
 - FRA will reconvene the GPS Task Force, to review/ discuss the legal protection and seek a consensus vote on Rev. 25 of the System Safety guidance document.
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- System Safety Task:
 - Rev. 25 of the guidance document had two placeholders:
 - One for Fatigue Management;
 - Another for Technology Plans;
 - Fatigue Management & Technology plans are required by RSIA;
 - FRA's strategy is to require fatigue management & technology plans based on the outcomes of Risk Based Hazard Analysis &/or Risk Reduction Analysis.
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