FRA Critical Incident Presentation

to

The 44th Railroad Safety

Advisory Committee Meeting

May 20, 2011

Washington, DC

- Rulemaking mandated by section 410 of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008

"In consultation with Secretary of Labor and Secretary of Health and Human Services, require each Class I railroad, intercity passenger railroad, and commuter railroad to file for approval a "critical incident stress plan" providing for debriefing, etc., and offering appropriate support services to an employee affected by a critical incident. Plan must provide that railroad relieves certain employees from duty after critical incidents.

"Secretary, in consultation with DOL and HHS, must also require that certain railroads develop and submit for approval critical incident stress plans that provide support services to employees affected by critical incidents."

- RSAC Task was accepted by the committee on September 10, 2009 and originally given to the Medical Standards Working Group

- Expressions of interest to participate and the Task Force was formed but a kick-off meeting was delayed

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- RSAC unanimously passed a vote in April to remove the task from the Medical Standards Working Group and create the stand-alone Critical Incident Working Group

- The Committee was asked at that time to review nominees to the task and to make additions or corrections to the members as necessary

- The revised task statement makes this change and sets a target date of December 2011 for reporting rule text recommendations to the Committee

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- Grant/study information timeline

- Critical Incident Working Group kick-off meeting scheduled for June 24th in Washington DC

- Your timeline (meet how often?)

- FRA timeline for publishing a NPRM is May 2012 with a final rule by the fall

Discussion