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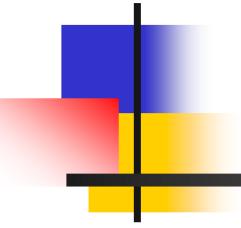


Railroad Safety Advisory Committee  
Track Safety Standards Working Group  
December 14, 2010



# **Open Item Task 07-01:**

Review controls applied to reuse of rail in CWR ("plug rail").



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**Task 07-01 was interrupted as result of  
TSWG assignment Task 08-03:**

**Factors that can and should be included in  
determining the frequency of internal rail flaw  
testing and a methodology for taking those  
factors into consideration with respect to  
mandatory testing intervals; (consensus 9-23-10)**



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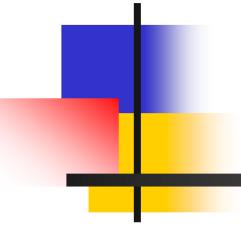
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#### **TSWG consensus recommendation to be added to Inspection of Rail Part 213.237 (b):**

- (i) Any rail used as a replacement plug rail in track that is required to be tested per CFR 213.237, must have been tested for internal rail flaws.
- (ii) The track owner must be able to verify that the plug rail has not accumulated more than a total of 30 MGT in previous and new locations since the last internal rail flaw test before the next 213.237 test on the rail is performed.
- (iii) If plug rail not in compliance with (A) and (B) is in use after date of promulgation, trains over that rail must not exceed Class 2 speeds until that rail is tested per 213.237.

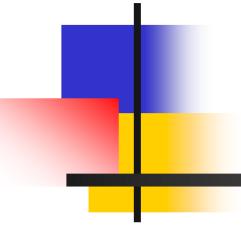


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RSAC consensus on Task 07-01 "plug rails" will conclude all Track Standards Working Group assignments.



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Questions?