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**Federal Railroad
Administration**

**Railroad Safety Advisory Committee
Task Statement:
Critical Incident Programs**

Task No.: 09-02

Date initially presented to the RSAC: September 10, 2009

Purpose:

To provide advice regarding development of implementing regulations for Critical Incident Stress Plans as required by the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (Act).

Description:

- Define what a “critical incident” is that requires a response.
- Review available data, literature, and standards of practice concerning critical incident programs to determine appropriate action when a railroad employee is involved in or directly witnesses a critical incident.
- Review any evaluation studies available for existing railroad critical incident programs.
- Describe program elements appropriate for the rail environment, including those requirements set forth in the Act.
- Provide an example of a suitable plan (template).
- Assist in the preparation of a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

Issues requiring specific report:

- At the discretion of the Working Group.

Source:

Section 410, Division A, Public Law No. 110-432.

Refer to/establish following working group: Medical Standards Working Group

Target Dates:

Report NPRM by December of 2010.

Disposition: Accepted

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