

# ***Locomotive Safety Standards Working Group***



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# ***Locomotive Working Group Report***



- **Since the last report to the full RSAC on February 22, 2007 the Locomotive Working Group has met two times;**

**March 6, & 7, 2007, Orlando, FL**

**June 6, & 7, 2007, Northbrook, IL**

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- FRA published an NPRM on March 6, 2007, which proposes changes to locomotive sander requirement.
- Received comments on sander NPRM from two groups, BLET & AAR and is in the process of reviewing those comments.
- Once the comments are reviewed and addressed FRA should issue the final rule by the end of October.

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- The working group discussed locomotive alerters, AAR presented information on proposed industry standard addressing locomotive alerters.
- AAR should have approved industry standard by the September meeting.

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- The working group reached consensus for draft language on steam generators, the changes will clean up the steam generator requirements and move them to a separate section of the rule.
- Working group has agreed on language for electronic collection & storage of all required locomotive records, language is similar to waivers for electronic record keeping previously granted by FRA.

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- **At a previous meeting the group voted to form a task group to evaluate performance of the specific locomotives that come due for a 92 day periodic inspection.**
- **FRA reported its findings to the working group, using the matrix set up by the task group FRA (MP&E) inspectors looked at records for 294 locomotive records and found 869 defects corrected at periodic, 776 of those items should have been caught during daily inspection.**
- **Periodic task group will meet again in September.**

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- Mark Hartong (FRA) led the working group in a discussion of electronic hardware/software safety similar to what is found in the Passenger Equipment Safety Standards & Signal and Train Control Standards.

AAR will provide comments at September meeting.

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- Working group discussed Remote Control Locomotive Safety Advisory (2/14/01) and AAR Remote Control Locomotive Standard S-5507 to see what items could be incorporated into the regulation. More discussions are planned for the September meeting.



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- Next meeting is scheduled for September 18 & 19, 2007, at the Imperial Palace Hotel, in Las Vegas, NV. The first day is devoted to task group meetings and the second to Working Group meeting.

## Questions ?