



# Federal Railroad Administration

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Railroad Safety Advisory Committee

Roadway Worker Protection Regulation  
Working Group Report

# Session Status

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**Since accepting the Task Statement on January 26, 2005, the Working Group held 12 multi-day sessions. The last meeting, three days in length, occurred February 27 through March 1, 2007. The group worked diligently and was able to reach consensus on 32 separate items; however, the group was unable to reach consensus on eight items.**

# Sec. 214.7

## Definitions

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- **New definitions**
  - Maximum authorized speed
  - On-track safety manual
- **Revisions**
  - Effective securing device
  - Watchman/lookout
- **Incorporate from Part 236**
  - Automatic interlocking
  - Controlled point
  - Manual interlocking

# Sec. 214.309

## On-Track Safety Manual

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**Revision to address on-track safety manual for lone workers and changes to the manual.**

# Sec. 214.315

## On-Track Safety Job Briefing

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- Requirement that information concerning adjacent tracks be included in on-track safety job briefings.
- Accessibility of the roadway worker in charge.

# Sec. 214.317

## On-Track Safety General

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- **Formalize procedures for roadway workers to cross tracks.**
- **Procedures for on-track weed spray and snow blowing operations on non-controlled track.**

# Sec. 214.321

## Exclusive Track Occupancy

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**New paragraph to address the use of work crew numbers.**

# Sec. 214.323

## Foul Time

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**Clarification of foul time provision whereby roadway worker in charge or train dispatcher may not permit movements into such working limits.**

# Sec. 214.324

## Verbal Protection

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**New section called “verbal Protection” for abbreviated working limits within manual interlocking and controlled points.**

# Sec. 214.327

## Inaccessible Track

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**New paragraphs to formalize the following instruments to make non-controlled track inaccessible: occupied locomotive as a point of inaccessibility; block register territory; and yard limit bulletins.**

# Sec. 214.335

## Adjacent Track On-Track Safety

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**Complete revision of paragraph (c) concerning on-track safety for track adjacent to occupied tracks. Key elements are the elimination of “large-scale” and the addition of a new requirement for on-track safety for tracks adjacent to occupied tracks for specific work activities.**

# Sec. 214.337

## Lone Worker

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- Allowance for the use of individual train detection at controlled points consisting only of signals.
- New paragraph limiting equipment/materials that can only be moved by hand by a lone worker.

# Sec. 214.339

## Train Audible Warning

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**Complete revision of this section concerning audible warning by trains to address operational considerations.**

# Sec. 214.343

## Contractor Training

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**New paragraph to ensure contractors receive requisite training/and or qualification before engaged by a railroad.**

# Sec. 214.345

## Training, all Roadway Worker

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Lead-in phrase requiring all training to be consistent with initial or recurrent training, as specified in Sec. 214.343 (b).

# **Sec. 214.347 through 355 Qualifications**

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**Consistent requirements for various roadway worker qualifications and maximum 24-month span between qualifications (Sec. 214.347, 349, 351, 353, and 355).**

# Electronic Authority Display

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**In addition to the above, the group worked on a proposal for use of electronic display of authorities as a provision under exclusive track occupancy. The group developed lead-in rule text and agreed to some conceptual items. When circulated back to the group, two parties raised technical issues that could not be resolved in the time available.**

**Accordingly, FRA will offer a proposal on this item in the NPRM.**

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# Questions and Discussion