



Federal Railroad Administration

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Railroad Safety Advisory Committee

Roadway Worker Protection Regulation
Working Group Report

Session Status

- **2005 - five sessions**
- **2006**
 - Five sessions
 - Next scheduled meeting, November 28-29
 - Final two meetings: January 17-18, and February 27-28
- **Reached consensus on 28 items from 16 sections of the regulation**

Recent Consensus Items

- Movement and operation of on-track snow thrower and weed spray equipment on non-controlled track without making the track inaccessible
- Roadway worker in charge training to include module on how railroad is to assure that such employee is available to roadway workers being protected
- Revision to watchman lookout definition
- Clarification of contents of annual on-track safety training for all roadway workers

Recent Consensus Items

- **Clarification of annual training and qualification not to exceed 24 months for**
 - Lone worker
 - Watchman/lookout
 - Flagman
 - Roadway maintenance machine operators

Under Discussion

- On-track training of other than roadway workers who provide protection for roadway work groups
- On-track safety of employees and contractors clearing snow at passenger station platforms

Future Discussion Points

- Roadway worker definition and work preparation activities
- Electronic documentation
- Roadway worker limitations when warned by watchman
- Yard limits – controlled/non controlled
- Block register territory

Future Discussion Points

- Railroads informing contractor of on-track safety requirements
- Contractors – training generally and railroads informing contractor of on-track safety requirements

Other Activities

- Switch manipulation for maintenance purposes. AAR has provided survey information to FRA to analyze and present to working group.
- Post rule analysis team

Questions and Discussion