



# Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Task Statement: Remote Control Locomotive Operations

## 53<sup>rd</sup> Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

# Task No. 14-03




## Purpose

- ATTENTION** To review existing Remote Control Locomotive (RCL) Operations and previous information regarding such operations.
- ATTENTION** To determine whether specific regulations, guidance, or other responsive actions are needed so that appropriate processes and procedures are in place to ensure the safety of RCL operations.






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## Background

-  RCL operations have occurred for a number of years and FRA has issued various safety advisories, reports, and other guidance documents regarding their use and safe operation.
-  RCL operations were also recently discussed at the emergency RSAC Crew Size Working Group Meeting.
-  At that time, FRA agreed to propose the establishment of a separate RSAC working group to consider the current use of RCL operations and whether updated requirements or guidance are necessary to ensure their continued safety.

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## Description

-  Review 49 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 217, 218, 229, 240, 242 and 243 in regards to RCL Operations codified into regulations to date.
-  Review other Industry or FRA studies or reports (safety advisory) regarding RCL Operations for clarification or review.
-  Address other RCL issues identified by the working group.

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## Issues requiring specific report

**ATTENTION** The Working Group should consider, specifically report on, and if appropriate, develop draft regulatory or guidance document language on issues presented in the description above.





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## Establish following working group



Remote Control Locomotive (RCL) Working Group



Target date for reporting to the RSAC Committee:  
September 2015.



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Expressions of interest and working group member nominations were received and the group has been constructed in the RSAC database.



Due to competing RSAC and other FRA regulatory priorities, we have delayed the Remote Control Locomotive (RCL) Working Group kick-off.



Request the Committee vote to extend the target date for the RCL Working Group report to the RSAC Committee for one year, to **September 2016.**



# Questions?