

Rail Integrity Working Group Update

to the

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- ✦ RSAC Task 14-02 was accepted May 26, 2014.
- ✦ To consider specific improvements to the Track Safety Standards Subpart A–G or other responsive actions designed to enhance rail safety by improving rail integrity, including updates to Class 6–9 rail inspection frequencies and the possibility of implementing continuous testing.

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- ✦ The 2014 Rail Integrity Final Rule resulted in changes in the requirements for Subpart A–F (Class 1 through 5) that are more stringent than current Subpart G (high speed) concerning CWR plan content, rail inspection frequencies, and rail defect remedial action. FRA wishes to explore equalizing the standards for Subpart G for Class 6–9 track.
- ✦ Target date for recommendations to the Committee is July 2015

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July 30, 2014 Meeting

- ✦ Discussion on Task 14-02 requirements
- ✦ FRA presentation on continuous test process
- ✦ CSX presentation on continuous test waiver progress
- ✦ Amtrak recommendation on GRMS
- ✦ Discussed other areas in Subpart G (AAR requested we review)

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November 5–7, 2014

- ✦ SRS presentation on their continuous test history.
- ✦ FRA presented their proposed continuous test regulatory language
- ✦ AAR and BMWED presented their views on continuous test language.

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March 10–12, 2015

- Discussion on labor proposed changes to continuous test regulatory language for Subpart A–F from November 7, 2014
- Consensus reached on new Subpart G 213.340 Qualified Operator

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May 19–21, 2015

- Discussed draft language for CWR Subpart G 213.343
- Consensus reached on Inspection of Rail in Service Subpart G 213.339

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June 16–18, 2015 (Final meeting scheduled)

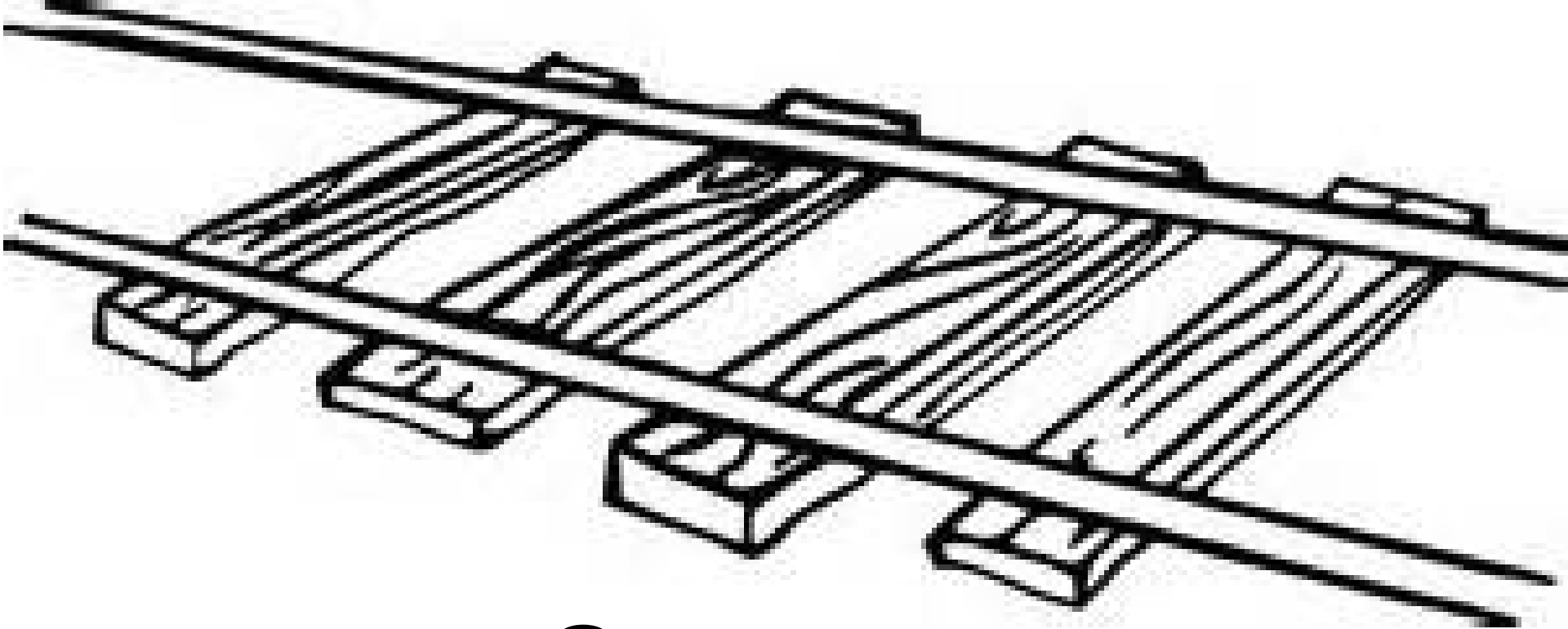
Remaining Issues

Continuous
test

CWR

Rail inspection
records

Defective rail



Questions?