



Federal Railroad Administration

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Railroad Safety Advisory Committee

Roadway Worker Protection Regulation
Working Group Report

Session Status

- **Sessions to date**
 - April 12 - 13, 2005, Washington, DC
 - June 22 - 24, Washington, DC
 - August 8 - 11, Chicago
 - September 20 - 22, Washington, DC
- **Scheduled**
 - November 8 - 9, Chicago

Initial Eleven Sections

214.7 Definitions

- Automatic & manual interlocking [ongoing]
- Controlled point [ongoing]
- Switch arrangement [ongoing]
- Fouling the track [tabled]
- Effective securing device [consensus]
- Maximum authorized speed [consensus]
- On-track safety manual [consensus]
- Hump yard facility [non consensus]
- Roadway worker [to be discussed]

Initial Eleven Sections

214.309 On-track safety program documents

- Lone worker provision [consensus]
- On-track safety rule revisions [consensus]

214.317 On-track safety procedures, generally

- Tunnel niches [tabled]
- Crossing tracks [consensus]

Eleven Sections

214.319 Working limits, generally

- Fouling behind [task group]

214.321 Exclusive track occupancy

- Data transmission [tabled]
- Crew or worker name on authority [consensus]

Eleven Sections

214.337 On-track safety procedures for lone workers

- Switch arrangements and control points without switches [ongoing]
- Rendering track impassible [future discussion]

214.339 Audible warning from trains

- Revised and clarified section [consensus]

Eleven Sections

214.343 Training and qualification, general

- RWP training and qualification of other than roadway workers that provide on-track safety [management caucus review]

214.323 Foul time

- Clarification of foul time provisions [consensus]
- Introduction of “verbal protection” [consensus]

Eleven Sections

214.327 Inaccessible track

- Consideration of train crew with locomotive as a “physical feature” [tabled]

214.329 Train approach warning

- The use of a touch warning [consensus to not include in rule]
- Rendering track impassible [labor request further discussion]

Requested Future Discussion

- **Labor**
 - **Adjacent track with respect to large scale and small scale work**
 - **Location of the roadway worker in charge in relation to work activity**
 - **Training records and minimum requirements for basic roadway worker**

Requested Future Discussion

- **Contractors**
 - Training frequency for basic workers
- **Railroad management**
 - Individual train detection at controlled points at the end of a controlled siding
 - On-track weed sprayers and snow blowers on non-controlled track