

Briefing for the RSAC 9/19/02

Current RSAC Time Lines (for general planning ONLY)*																										
	2002				2003												2004									
	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
96-4 Tourist RRs	/-----TBD-----																									
96-7 Roadway MM's	Publish Final																									
97-1 Loco crashw.	-----NPRM dft---publish-----Final																									
97-2 Cab noise	-----NPRM dft—publish-----Final																									
97-3 Event recorders.	-----NPRM dft—publish-----Final																									
97-4, 5, 6 PTC	---resolve issue-----publish Final / IFR?									Continued effort in support of risk assessment, reports, project monitoring, policy development																
00-1 Blue signal protec.	-----NPRM-----Final																									
01-1 A/I OSHA Conform.	NPRM-----Final---																									
Resource-Intensive Non-RSAC Rulemaking Projects																										
Pass Equipment	/---Phase II planning-----individual rulemakings when ready-----																									
Reflectorization / fgt. cars	Prelim. C/B-----NPRM-----Final rule																									
Train horn rule	-----Final / petitions for reconsideration, etc.																									
Private highway-rail xings	/---General safety inquiry, etc.-----																									

*Milestones are very rough estimates not approved by working groups. They are intended to reflect an overall workload pattern through the period accepting the reality of some slippage in some planning dates.

Examples: Possible Future RSAC Tasks for Discussion

Topic	Interest expressed by–	Comment
Electronic records, signatures	Statutory	FRA researching options
Overdue Review of Existing Regulations		
Part 229 - Locomotive Safety Standards	AAR	Need is to review currency of standards
Part 215 - Freight Car Safety Standards	FRA staff, NTSB, labor	Intermodal equipment issues, bearings, MOW cars, misc.
Part 231 - Safety Appliances	Car builders, passenger and freight RRs, FRA staff	Long overdue for review; excessive need to rely on “cars of special construction”
Parts 217, 218 (other than blue signal)	FRA staff	Need for general review, evaluation of effectiveness
Possible New Projects – AFTER Preliminary Determination of Necessity		
Crane safety	BMWE	Awaiting informal advice from wkg. gp.
Training & qualif.	UTU, BRS, et al.	-----
Train make-up programs	FRA, congressional	R&D underway; no decision to proceed
ECP braking, facilitation	FRA	What would be practical & helpful?
TOFC/COFC securement	FRA	Study underway; no decision to proceed