

## Briefing for the RSAC 9/19/02

<b>Current RSAC Time Lines (for general planning ONLY)*</b>																									
	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	
<b>96-4 Tourist RRs</b>	/-----TBD-----																								
<b>96-7 Roadway MM's</b>	Publish Final																								
<b>97-1 Loco crashw.</b>	-----NPRM dft---publish-----Final																								
<b>97-2 Cab noise</b>	-----NPRM dft—publish-----Final																								
<b>97-3 Event recorders.</b>	-----NPRM dft—publish-----Final																								
<b>97-4, 5, 6 PTC</b>	---resolve issue-----publish Final / IFR?												Continued effort in support of risk assessment, reports, project monitoring, policy development												
<b>00-1 Blue signal protec.</b>	-----NPRM-----Final																								
<b>01-1 A/I OSHA Conform.</b>	NPRM-----Final---																								
<b>Resource-Intensive Non-RSAC Rulemaking Projects</b>																									
<b>Pass Equipment</b>	/---Phase II planning-----individual rulemakings when ready-----																								
<b>Reflectorization / fgt. cars</b>	Prelim. C/B-----NPRM-----Final rule																								
<b>Train horn rule</b>	-----Final / petitions for reconsideration, etc.																								
<b>Private highway-rail xings</b>	/---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
<b>Overdue Review of Existing Regulations</b>		
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
<b>Possible New Projects – AFTER Preliminary Determination of Necessity</b>		
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