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Hazardous Materials Working Group

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Working Group History

- RSAC Hazardous Materials Working Group (HMWG) Task No. 2022-01 “Enhancement of Hazardous Train Designations” was approved by the full RSAC Committee on April 14, 2023.
- The Kick-off meeting held on August 22, 2023
 - 3 general safety issues were presented for discussion/feedback
- The 2nd HMWG meeting is scheduled to be held in the first half of November

Summary of the 1st HMWG Meeting

Three safety issues were discussed:

- (1) Expansion of hazardous train designations to include Division 2.1 flammable gases, and/or other non-flammable hazardous materials
- (2) Phase out of DOT-111 tank cars
- (3) Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Planning

Planning for 2nd RWPWG Meeting

Action items

1. FRA in coordination with PHMSA to develop concepts to address the designation of hazardous trains and applicable operational controls.
2. FRA in coordination with PHMSA to develop concepts to address the sharing of hazardous material commodity flow information with emergency planning officials.
3. FRA in coordination with PHMSA to develop a conceptual proposal for phase-out of DOT-111 tank cars and address additional safety issues related to certain service equipment used on general-purpose tank cars.
4. FRA to develop a conceptual approach for hazardous material emergency response plans.

Next HM RSAC Working Group Meeting

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- 2nd Working Group meeting scheduled for November 1
- Will be conducted via MS Teams
- Will solicit feedback on conceptual issues identified

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QUESTIONS?



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