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Track Inspection, Task 19-05

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Working Group History

RSAC Task No. 2019-05 was approved by the full RSAC Committee on November 26, 2019

The Track Inspection Task Working Group Kick-off meeting held on March 4, 2020.

Purpose:

- To develop rules/platform to enhance rail safety by improving track inspection methods, frequency, and documentation.
- Affecting: Track Safety Standards in Subpart F of Part 213

Working Group History

- The working group has met 10 times since the kickoff meeting to discuss this task
- These meetings have been primarily focused on reviewing data from the Railroad test programs and waiver, and discussion on ways to incorporate automated inspections into the existing track inspection regulations.
- BNSF, CN, CSX, CP, NS, and UP each conducted Track Inspection Test Programs starting and ending at various times between 2018 and 2022
- All Test Programs concluded as of November 23, 2022
- FRA granted BNSF a 5-year waiver on January 19, 2021, to build on the methodology of the test program on its Powder River Division and Southern Transcon route.

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