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## Roadway Worker Protection (RWP/RMM)

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# RWP/RMM RSAC Working Group



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## Working Group History

- RSAC Roadway Worker Protection Working Group (RWP WG) created and RWP RSAC Task No. 2022-01 approved by the full RSAC Committee in 2022
- The RWP WG Kick-off meeting held on January 26, 2023
  - 17 Items were identified to the Work Group
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> RWP WG held on May 11, 2023, via MS TEAMS
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> RWP WG meeting held in person in Washington D.C. on September 7, 2023
- The 4<sup>th</sup> RWP WG meeting was held on November 16, 2023, via MS TEAMS
- Multiple small group meetings working on simplification of the *Adjacent Controlled Track Rule*

# Summary of the 4<sup>th</sup> RWPWG On-Going Meeting-Actions

## Four Items with actions on-going

1. Revise the definition of *Watchman/lookout* to make it consistent with the regulatory requirement (Subpart A)
  - Various parties stated they did not approve of the examples of audible and visual devices being removed from the definition.
    - Action: FRA to review language and determine next course of action.
2. Evaluate safety features for *On-Track Roadway Maintenance Machines (RMM)* under 214 Subpart D (installation of operator presence controls, collision avoidance technology, hi-rail limit control systems and/or back up cameras on newly built on-track roadway maintenance machines).
  - AAR/Industry Action Item:
    - Action: AAR will provide presentation at next meeting on systems currently being tested on the railroads with how systems work, results, and reliability.

# Summary of the 4<sup>th</sup> RWPWG On-Going Meeting Actions (Cont'd)

## Four Items with actions on-going

3. Discuss ways to allow routine *hi-rail inspections on non-controlled track under § 214.317 in conjunction with 301(c)*. While 301(c) was originally intended for movements only (tramming), track inspection from inside the confines of equipment can be safely accomplished under this same provision.
  - BMWED Action Item
    - BMWED submitted their documents on why they do not agree to adding inspections activities to 214.317(c) and 214.301(c). Document is posted on the Teams site for comments.
4. Simplify adjacent track protection so all roadway workers can better understand the requirements.
  - Small Task Group Action Item:
    - Small working group presented their work on simplifying the *Adjacent Controlled Track rule*. The group will continue to meet and refine the language and incorporate and take into consideration comments that will be supplied on the Teams site.

# Next RWP/RMM RSAC Working Group Meeting

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- Will be conducted via MS Teams on March 28, 2024
- Follow up on the 4 action items
- Determine need to continue Working Group

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# QUESTIONS?



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