



**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

**Federal Railroad
Administration**

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Task Statement: Fatigue Management Plans

Task No.: 11-03

Date initially presented to the RSAC: December 8, 2011

Purpose: To provide advice regarding development of implementing regulations for Fatigue Management Plans and their deployment under the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (Act).

Description:

- Review the mandates and objectives of the Act related to the development of Fatigue Management Plans
- Determine how medical conditions that affect alertness and fatigue will be incorporated into Fatigue Management Plans
- Review available data on existing alertness strategies
- Consider the role of innovative scheduling practices in the reduction of employee fatigue.
- Review the existing data on fatigue countermeasures.

Issues requiring specific report:

- How will compliance and program efficacy be evaluated and monitored?
- How will training and educational requirements be determined?
- What processes should be in place in the event a Fatigue Management Plan is not approved?
- What processes will be used to periodically audit Fatigue Management Plans after they have been approved?

Authority: Section 20156(f), title 49, United States Code, as enacted by section 103, Division A, Public Law No. 110-432.

Refer to/establish following working group: Fatigue Management Plans Working Group

Target Dates: Convene initial meeting as soon as possible but not later than February 2012. Report recommendations not later than February 2013.

Disposition: Accepted

Accepted Date: December 8, 2011