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### Background

The FHWA's Buy America policy in 23 CFR 635.410 requires a domestic manufacturing process for any steel or iron products (including protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid construction project. The regulation also provides for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when the application would be inconsistent with the public interest or when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available. This notice provides information regarding the FHWA's findings that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for a span lock linear electric actuator in the State of New York.

In accordance with section 130 of Division K of the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008" (Pub. L. 110-161), the FHWA published on its Web site a notice of intent to issue a Buy America waiver for the span lock linear electric actuator in New York <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=28> on February 4. The FHWA received one comment in response to the span lock linear electric actuator. The comment was "Buy America needs to be maintained in every instance possible." During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted an additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers for the product. Based on all the information available to the agency, including the response received to the notice as well as the Agency's nationwide review, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers for the span lock linear electric actuator.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the "SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008" (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat. 1572), the FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of the Buy America requirements is appropriate pursuant to 23 CFR 635.410(c)(1). The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the New York waiver page noted above.

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410.)

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*Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2000-7257; Notice No. 51]

#### Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** FRA announces the thirty-eighth meeting of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The RSAC meeting topics will include opening remarks from the FRA Acting Deputy Administrator, and status reports will be provided by the following Working Groups: Positive Train Control, Hours of Service, Passenger Safety, Locomotive Safety Standards, Railroad Bridge Safety, Medical Standards, Railroad Operating Rules, and Track Safety Standards. The Committee may be asked to approve recommendations concerning a final rule on revision of recordkeeping and reporting requirements for hours of service of safety-critical railroad employees. The Committee may be asked to approve a proposed rule on Railroad Bridge Safety and to consent to a mail ballot on recommendations for a proposed rule on Positive Train Control. The Committee may also be asked to accept a Task concerning hours of service for train, engine and yard employees of intercity and commuter passenger railroads. This agenda is subject to change, including the possible addition of further proposed tasks under the Rail Safety and Improvement Act of 2008.

**DATES:** The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. and will adjourn by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** The RSAC meeting will be held at the Washington Marriott Hotel, located at 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis, and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign and oral interpretation can be made

available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Woolverton, RSAC Administrative Officer/Coordinator, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6212; or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the RSAC. The RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to the FRA on railroad safety matters. The RSAC is composed of 54 voting representatives from 31 member organizations, representing various rail industry perspectives. In addition, there are non-voting advisory representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Federal Transit Administration. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. See the RSAC Web site for details on pending tasks at: <http://rsac.fra.dot.gov/>. Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996, 61 FR 9740) for additional information about the RSAC.

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**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2000-7257; Notice No. 52]

#### Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Working Group Activity Update

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Working Group Activities.

**SUMMARY:** The FRA is updating its announcement of RSAC's Working Group activities to reflect its current status.

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Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6212; or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice serves to update FRA's last announcement of working group activities and status reports of August 29, 2008 (73 FR 51041). The 37th full RSAC Committee meeting was held December 10, 2008, and the 38th meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2009, at the Washington Marriott Hotel located at 1221 22nd Street, NW., in Washington, DC.

Since its first meeting in April of 1996, the RSAC has accepted 30 tasks. The status for each of the open tasks (neither completed nor terminated) is provided below:

#### Open Tasks

*Task 96-4—Tourist and Historic Railroads.* Reviewing the appropriateness of the agency's current policy regarding the applicability of existing and proposed regulations to tourist, excursion, scenic, and historic railroads. This Task was accepted on April 2, 1996, and a Working Group was established. The Working Group monitored the steam locomotive regulation task. Planned future activities involve the review of other regulations for possible adaptation to the safety needs of tourist and historic railroads. Contact: Grady Cothen, (202) 493-6302.

*Task 03-01—Passenger Safety.* This task includes updating and enhancing the regulations pertaining to passenger safety, based on research and experience. This Task was accepted on May 20, 2003, and a Working Group was established. Prior to embarking on substantive discussions of a specific task, the Working Group set forth in writing a specific description of the task. The Working Group reports planned activities to the full Committee at each scheduled full RSAC meeting, including milestones for completion of projects and progress toward completion. At the first meeting, held September 9-10, 2003, a consolidated list of issues was completed. At the second meeting, held November 6-7, 2003, four task groups were established: Emergency Preparedness; Mechanical; Crashworthiness; and Track/Vehicle Interaction. The task forces met and reported on activities for Working Group consideration at the third meeting, held May 11-12, 2004, and a fourth meeting was held October 26-27, 2004. The Working Group met on March 21-22, 2006, and again on September 12-13, 2006, at which time the group

agreed to establish a task force on General Passenger Safety. The full Passenger Safety Working Group met on April 17-18, 2007, December 11-12, 2007, and November 13, 2008. The next meeting is to be scheduled in June 2009. Contact: Charles Bielitz, (202) 493-6314.

(Emergency Preparedness Task Force) At the Working Group meeting of March 9-10, 2005, the Working Group received and approved the consensus report of the Emergency Preparedness Task Force related to emergency communication, emergency egress and rescue access. These recommendations were presented to and approved by the full RSAC Committee on May 18, 2005. The Working Group met on September 7-8, 2005, and additional, supplementary recommendations were presented to and accepted by the full RSAC on October 11, 2005. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published on August 24, 2006, (71 FR 50275) and was open for comment until October 23, 2006. The Working Group agreed upon recommendations for the final rule, including resolution of final comments received, during the April 17-18, 2007, meeting. The recommendations were presented to and approved by the full RSAC on June 26, 2007. The Passenger Train Emergency Systems final rule, focusing on emergency communication, emergency egress, and rescue access, was published on February 1, 2008 (73 FR 6370). The Task Force met on October 17-18, 2007, and reached consensus on draft rule text for a followup NPRM on Passenger Train Emergency Systems, focusing on low-location emergency exit path marking, emergency lighting, and emergency signage. The Task Force presented the draft rule text to the Passenger Safety Working Group on December 11-12, 2007, and the consensus draft rule text was presented to and approved by full RSAC vote during the February 20, 2008, meeting. At its most recent meeting, held May 13-14, 2008, the Task Force recommended clarifying the applicability of backup emergency communication system requirements in the February 1, 2008, final rule, and FRA announced its intention to exercise limited enforcement discretion for a new provision amending instruction requirements for emergency window exit removal. The Working Group ratified these recommendations on June 19, 2008. No additional Task Force meetings are currently scheduled. Contact: Brenda Moscoso, (202) 493-6282.

(Mechanical Task Force) (Completed) Initial recommendations on mechanical issues (revisions to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 238)

were approved by the full Committee on January 26, 2005. At the Working Group meeting of September 7-8, 2005, the Task Force presented additional perfecting amendments and the full RSAC approved them on October 11, 2005. An NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on December 8, 2005, (70 FR 73070). Public comments were due by February 17, 2006. The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on October 19, 2006, (71 FR 61835) effective December 18, 2006.

(Crashworthiness Task Force) Among its efforts, the Crashworthiness Task Force provided consensus recommendations on static end strength that were adopted by the Working Group on September 7-8, 2005. The full Committee accepted the recommendations on October 11, 2005. The Front-End Strength of Cab Cars and Multiple-Unit Locomotives NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2007, (72 FR 42016) with comments due by October 1, 2007. A number of comments were entered into the docket, and a Crashworthiness Task Force meeting was held September 9, 2008, to resolve comments on the NPRM. Based on the consensus language agreed to at the meeting, FRA has prepared the text of the final rule incorporating the resolutions made at the Task Force meeting and the final rule language was adopted at the Passenger Safety Working Group meeting, held on November 13, 2008. The language was presented and approved at the December 10, 2008, full RSAC meeting and the rule will go forward with a target publication date of April 2009. Contact: Gary Fairbanks, (202) 493-6322.

(Vehicle/Track Interaction Task Force) The Task Force is developing proposed revisions to 49 CFR parts 213 and 238 principally regarding high-speed passenger service. The Task Force met on October 9-11, 2007, and again on November 19-20, 2007, in Washington, DC and presented the final Task Force Report and final recommendations and proposed rule text for approval by the Passenger Safety Working Group at the December 11-12, 2007, meeting. The final report and the proposed rule text were approved by the Working Group and was presented to and approved by full RSAC vote during the February 20, 2008, meeting. The group last met on February 27-28, 2008, and FRA is currently crafting an NPRM with a target publication date of September 2009. No additional Task Force meetings are currently scheduled. Contact: John Mardente, (202) 493-1335.

(General Passenger Safety Task Force) At the Passenger Safety Working Group meeting on April 17–18, 2007, the Task Force presented a progress report to the Working Group. The Task Force met on July 18–19, 2007, and afterwards, it reported proposed reporting cause codes for injuries involving the platform gap, which were approved by the Working Group by mail ballot in September 2007. The full RSAC approved the recommendations for changes to 49 CFR part 225 accident/incident cause codes on October 25, 2007. The Task Force continues work on passenger train door securement, “second train in station,” trespasser incidents, and System-Safety based solutions by developing a regulatory approach to System Safety. The General Passenger Safety Task Force presented draft guidance material for management of the gap that was considered and approved by the Working Group during the December 11–12, 2007, meeting and was presented to and approved by full RSAC vote during the February 20, 2008, meeting. The group met April 23–24, 2008, and December 3–4, 2008. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21–23, 2009. Contact: Dan Knot, (631) 567–1596.

*Task 05–01—Review of Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) Issues.* This Task was accepted on January 26, 2005, to review 49 CFR part 214, subpart C, Roadway Worker Protection, and related sections of Subpart A; recommend consideration of specific actions to advance the on-track safety of railroad employees and contractors engaged in maintenance-of-way activities throughout the general system of railroad transportation, including clarification of existing requirements. A Working Group was established and reported to the RSAC any specific actions identified as appropriate. The first meeting of the Working Group was held on April 12–14, 2005. The group drafted and accepted regulatory language for various revisions, clarifications, and additions to 32 separate items in 19 sections of the rule. However, two parties raised technical concerns regarding the draft language concerning electronic display of track authorities. The Working Group reported recommendations to the full Committee at the June 26, 2007, meeting. The FRA, through the NPRM process, is to address this issue along with eight additional items on which the Working Group was unable to reach a consensus. Comments were received and were considered during the drafting of the NPRM. In early 2008, the external working group members were solicited to review the consensus text for errata

review. In order to address the heightened concerns raised with the current regulations for adjacent-track on-track safety, an NPRM was published on July 17, 2008, that focused on this element of the RWP rule alone. As this was an NPRM, FRA sought comment on the entire proposal, including those portions that FRA sought to clarify. However, on August 13, 2008, the NPRM was withdrawn to permit further consideration of the RSAC-reported consensus language. FRA has decided to separately issue a second proposed rule on adjacent track protection, which will be handled on an accelerated basis. The second NPRM concerning adjacent controlled track safety is under final review and is expected to be published by mid-year 2009. The remaining larger NPRM for the various revisions, clarifications, and additions to 31 separate items in 19 sections of the rule and FRA’s recommendations for the eight non-consensus items is planned for late 2009. Contact: Christopher Schulte, (610) 521–8201.

*Task 05–02—Reduce Human Factor-Caused Train Accident/Incidents.* This Task was accepted on May 18, 2005, to reduce the number of human factor-caused train accidents/incidents and related employee injuries. The Railroad Operating Rules Working Group was formed and the Group extensively reviewed the issues presented. The final Working Group meeting devoted to developing a proposed rule was held February 8–9, 2006. The Working Group was not able to deliver a consensus regulatory proposal, but did recommend that it be used to review comments on FRA’s NPRM, which was published in the **Federal Register** on October 12, 2006, (FR 71 60372) with public comments due by December 11, 2006. Two reviews were held, one on February 8–9, 2007, the other on April 4–5, 2007. Consensus was reached on four items and those items were presented and accepted by the full RSAC Committee at the June 26, 2007, meeting. A final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 2008 (73 FR 8442) with an effective date of April 14, 2008. FRA received four petitions for reconsideration of that final rule. The final rule that responded to the petitions for consideration was published in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 2008, and concluded the rulemaking. Working group meetings were held September 27–28, 2007, January 17–18, 2008, May 21–22, 2008, and September 25–26, 2008. The Working Group has considered issues related to issuance of Emergency Order No. 26 (prohibition on use of certain

electronic devices while on duty) and “after arrival mandatory directives,” among other issues. The working group continues to work on After Arrival Orders and at the September 25, 2008, meeting voted to create a Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Task Force to review highway-rail grade crossing accident reports regarding incidents of crossing warning systems providing “short or no warning” resulting from or contributed to “by train operational issues” with the intent to recommend new accident/incident reporting codes that would better explain such events, and which may provide information for remedial action going forward. A follow-on task is to review and provide recommendations regarding supplementary reporting of train operations-related, no-warning or short-warning incidents that are not technically warning system activation failures but which result in an accident/incident or a near miss. The Task Force has been formed and is scheduled to meet in the May/June 2009 timeframe. Contact: Douglas Taylor, (202) 493–6255.

*Task 06–01—Locomotive Safety Standards.* This task was accepted on February 22, 2006, to review 49 CFR Part 229, Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards, and revise as appropriate. A Working Group was established with the mandate to report any planned activity to the full Committee at each scheduled full RSAC meeting, to include milestones for completion of projects and progress toward completion. The first Working Group meeting was held May 8–10, 2006. Working Group meetings were held on August 8–9, 2006, September 25–26, 2006, and October 30–31, 2006, and the Working Group presented recommendations regarding revisions to requirements for locomotive sanders to the full RSAC on September 21, 2006. The NPRM regarding sanders was published in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2007 (72 FR 9904). Comments received were discussed by the Working Group for clarification, and FRA published a final rule on October 19, 2007 (72 FR 59216). The Working Group is continuing the review of Part 229 with work in the areas of locomotive cab temperature standards, alerters, remote control locomotives, and critical locomotive electronics with a view to proposing further revisions to update the standards. The Working Group met on January 9–10, 2007, November 27–28, 2007, February 5–6, 2008, May 20–21, 2008, August 5–6, 2008, October 22–23, 2008, and January 6–7, 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15–

16, 2009. Contact: George Scerbo, (202) 493-6249.

*Task 06-02*—Track Safety Standards and Continuous Welded Rail (CWR). Section 9005 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Pub. L. 109-59), the 2005 Surface Transportation Authorization Act, requires FRA to issue requirements for inspection of joint bars in CWR to detect cracks that could affect the integrity of the track structure (49 U.S.C. 20142(e)). FRA published an interim final rule (IFR) establishing new requirements for inspections on November 2, 2005 (70 FR 66288). On October 11, 2005, FRA offered the RSAC a task to review comments on this IFR, but the conditions could not be established under which the Committee could have undertaken this with a view toward consensus. Comments on the IFR were received through December 19, 2005. FRA reviewed the comments, and on February 22, 2006, the RSAC accepted this task to review and revise the CWR related to provisions of the Track Safety Standards, with particular emphasis on reduction of derailments and consequent injuries and damage caused by defective conditions, including joint failures, in track using CWR. A Working Group was established, and the first Working Group meeting was held April 3-4, 2006, at which time the Working Group reviewed comments on the IFR. The second Working Group meeting was held April 26-28, 2006. The Working Group also met May 24-25, 2006, and July 19-20, 2006. The Working Group reported consensus recommendations for the final rule that were accepted by the full RSAC Committee by mail ballot on August 11, 2006. The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2006 (71 FR 59677). The Working Group continued review of Section 213.119 with a view to proposing further revisions to update the standards. The Working Group met January 30-31, 2007, April 10-11, 2007, June 27-28, 2007, August 15-16, 2007, October 23-24, 2007, and January, 8-9, 2008. The Working Group reported consensus recommendations for revisions to Section 213.119 regulations to the full RSAC Committee on February 20, 2008, and the recommendations were accepted. FRA published an NPRM on December 1, 2008, and is preparing a final rule with a target publication date of April 2009. See task 07-01 and 08-03, below. Contact: Ken Rusk, (202) 493-6236.

*Task 06-03*—Medical Standards for Safety-Critical Personnel. This task was accepted on September 21, 2006, to enhance the safety of persons in the

railroad operating environment and the public by establishing standards and procedures for determining the medical fitness for duty of personnel engaged in safety-critical functions. A Working Group has been established and will report any planned activity to the full Committee at each scheduled full RSAC meeting, including milestones for completion of projects and progress toward completion. The first Working Group meeting was held December 12-13, 2006. The Working Group has held follow-on meetings on the following dates: February 20-21, 2007, July 24-25, 2007, August 29-30, 2007, October 31-November 1, 2007, December 4-5, 2007, February 13-14, 2008, March 26-27, 2008, and April 22-23, 2008. At the latest meeting, FRA announced that the agency would prepare an NPRM draft based on the discussions to date and schedule a further meeting for review of the document. The draft NPRM is currently in FRA coordination and the language is being revised based on comments. The draft NPRM will be presented to the RSAC Medical Standards Working Group when completed. A Doctors Task Force, established by the Working Group in May 2007, is proceeding to develop accompanying medical guidelines which will be used to provide consistent criteria for determining the medical fitness for duty of the safety-critical positions. These guidelines will be presented for Working Group consideration when complete. When accepted by the Medical Standards Working Group, the two parts of the rulemaking will be presented to the full RSAC for approval. The target date for publishing the NPRM is May, 2009. The Task Force of Physicians has had meetings or conference calls on July 24, 2007, August 20, 2007, October 15, 2007, October 31, 2007, June 23-24, 2008, September 8-10, 2008, October 8, 2008, November 12-13, 2008, December 8-10, 2008, January 27-28, 2009, and February 24-25, 2009. The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for March 11-12, 2009. Contact: Dr. Bernard Arseneau, (202) 493-6002.

*Task 07-01*—Track Safety Standards. This task was accepted on February 22, 2007, to consider specific improvements to the Track Safety Standards or other responsive actions, supplementing work already underway on continuous welded rail (CWR) specifically to: review controls applied to reuse of rail in CWR "plug rail"; review the issue of cracks emanating from bond wire attachments; consider improvements in the Track Safety Standards related to fastening of rail to concrete ties; and

ensure a common understanding within the regulated community concerning requirements for internal rail flaw inspections. The tasks were assigned to the Track Safety Standards Working Group. The Working Group will report any planned activity to the full Committee at each scheduled full RSAC meeting, including milestones for completion of projects and progress toward completion. The first Working Group meeting was held on June 27-28, 2007, and the group met again on August 15-16, 2007, and October 23-24, 2007. Two Task Forces were created under the Working Group: The Concrete Ties and Rail Integrity Task Forces. The Concrete Ties Task force met on November 26-27, 2007, February 13-14, 2008, April 16-17, 2008, July 9-10, 2008, and September 17-18, 2008. The Concrete Ties Task Force finalized consensus language regarding concrete crossties (49 CFR Part 213) and presented a recommendation to the Track Standards Working Group at the November 20, 2008, Working Group meeting. The language was approved by both the Working Group and the December 10, 2008, RSAC meeting and the Task Force was dissolved. FRA is preparing an NPRM with a target publication date of April, 2009. Contact: Ken Rusk, (202) 493-6236.

*Task 08-03*—Track Safety Standards Rail Integrity. This task was accepted on September 10, 2008, to consider specific improvements to the Track Safety Standards or other responsive actions designed to enhance rail integrity. The Rail Integrity Task Force was created in October 2007 under Task 07-01 and first met on November 28-29, 2007. The Task Force met on February 12-13, 2008, April 15-16, 2008, July 8-9, 2008, September 16-17, 2008, and February 3-4, 2009. Consensus has been achieved on bond wires and a common understanding on internal rail flaw inspections has been reached; however, more work remains before a recommendation for possible regulatory action is made. The next Rail Integrity Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 16-17, 2009. Contact: Ken Rusk, (202) 493-6236.

*Task No. 08-04*—Positive Train Control (PTC). This task was accepted on December 10, 2008, to provide advice regarding development of implementing regulations for PTC systems and their deployment under the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA, Pub. L. 110-432). The task included a requirement to convene an initial meeting not later than January 2009 and to report recommendations back to the RSAC no later than April 24, 2009. The PTC Working Group was

created in December 2008 by Working Group member nominations from Committee member organizations under Task 08-04, and the kickoff meeting was held on January 26-27, 2009. The group met again on February 11-13, 2009, and February 25-27, 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17-19, 2009.

Contact: Grady Cothen, (202) 493-6302.

**Task No. 08-05—Railroad Bridge Safety Assurance.** This task was accepted on December 10, 2008, to develop a draft rule encompassing the requirements of Section 417, of the RSIA (Division A), Railroad Bridge Safety Assurance. This Section directs the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate regulations, not later than 12 months after the October 16, 2008, date of enactment, requiring owners of track carried on one or more railroad bridges to adopt a bridge safety management program to reduce the risk of human casualties, environmental damage, and disruption to the Nation's railroad transportation system that would result from a catastrophic bridge failure. The Railroad Bridge Working Group created under Task 08-01 was directed to reconvene and the kickoff meeting was held January 28-29, 2009. The working group also met on February 23-24, 2009, where they reached agreement on consensus language covering all but two issues that remain to be resolved pending comments on the NPRM. The group will present the draft language to the full committee at the April 2, 2009, meeting. Contact: Gordon Davids, (202) 230-6320.

**Task No. 08-06—Hours of Service Recordkeeping and Reporting.** This task was accepted on December 10, 2008, to develop revised recordkeeping and reporting requirements for hours of service of railroad employees. The Hours of Service Working Group was formed in January 2009 by member nominations from committee member organizations and the first meeting was held on January 22-23, 2009. The working group met again on February 4-6, 2009, and February 18-20, 2009, and is scheduled to meet for the final time on March 23-25, 2009. Contact: Mark McKeon, (202) 493-6350.

**Task No. 08-07—Conductor Certification.** This task was accepted on December 10, 2008, to develop regulations for certification of railroad conductors, as required by the RSIA, and to consider any appropriate related amendments to existing regulations and report recommendations for the proposed or interim final rule (as determined by FRA in consultation with the Office of the Secretary of Transportation and the Office of

Management and Budget) by October 16, 2009. The Conductor Certification Working Group will be officially formed at a later date by nominations from member organizations and work will begin as time and schedules will permit in 2009 after other Congressional RSAC priorities are met.

#### Completed Tasks

**Task 96-1—(Completed)** Revising the Freight Power Brake Regulations.

**Task 96-2—(Completed)** Reviewing and recommending revisions to the Track Safety Standards (49 CFR Part 213).

**Task 96-3—(Completed)** Reviewing and recommending revisions to the Radio Standards and Procedures (49 CFR Part 220).

**Task 96-5—(Completed)** Reviewing and recommending revisions to Steam Locomotive Inspection Standards (49 CFR Part 230).

**Task 96-6—(Completed)** Reviewing and recommending revisions to miscellaneous aspects of the regulations addressing Locomotive Engineer Certification (49 CFR Part 240).

**Task 96-7—(Completed)** Developing Roadway Maintenance Machines (On-Track Equipment) Safety Standards.

**Task 96-8—(Completed)** This Planning Task evaluated the need for action responsive to recommendations contained in a report to Congress entitled, Locomotive Crashworthiness & Working Conditions.

**Task 97-1—(Completed)** Developing crashworthiness specifications (49 CFR Part 229) to promote the integrity of the locomotive cab in accidents resulting from collisions.

**Task 97-2—(Completed)** Evaluating the extent to which environmental, sanitary, and other working conditions in locomotive cabs affect the crew's health and the safe operation of locomotives, proposing standards where appropriate.

**Task 97-3—(Completed)** Developing event recorder data survivability standards.

**Task 97-4 and Task 97-5—(Completed)** Defining Positive Train Control (PTC) functionalities, describing available technologies, evaluating costs and benefits of potential systems, and considering implementation opportunities and challenges, including demonstration and deployment.

**Task 97-6—(Completed)** Revising various regulations to address the safety implications of processor-based signal and train control technologies, including communications-based operating systems.

**Task 97-7—(Completed)** Determining damages qualifying an event as a reportable train accident.

**Task 00-1—(Task withdrawn)** Determining the need to amend regulations protecting persons who work on, under, or between rolling equipment and persons applying, removing or inspecting rear end marking devices (Blue Signal Protection).

**Task 01-1—(Completed)** Developing conformity of FRA's regulations for accident/incident reporting (49 CFR Part 225) to revised regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor, and to make appropriate revisions to the FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports (Reporting Guide).

**Task 08-01—(Completed)** Report on the Nation's Railroad Bridges.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996, (61 FR 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### United States Mint

#### **Notification of Pricing for the United States Mint 2009 American Presidency \$1 Coin Cover Series, and the United States Mint 2009 District of Columbia and U.S. Territories Quarters Official First Day Coin Cover Series**

**ACTION:** Notification of Pricing for the United States Mint 2009 American Presidency \$1 Coin Cover Series, and the United States Mint 2009 District of Columbia and U.S. Territories Quarters Official First Day Coin Cover Series.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Mint is announcing pricing for the 2009 American Presidency \$1 Coin Cover Series and the 2009 District of Columbia and U.S. Territories Quarters Official First Day Coin Cover Series.

The 2009 American Presidency \$1 Coin Cover Series will be priced at \$14.95 each. Each cover includes two Presidential \$1 Coins, one each from the United States Mint facilities at Denver and Philadelphia, on a display card with a stamp and a postmark marking the day the coins were first released to the public.