

safety risks because if the kicked cars fail to couple, there is a likelihood that the equipment may roll backward toward employees who have to place themselves between rolling equipment in the course of conducting switching operations. Thus, one of FRA's recommendations below is that railroads adopt procedures to prohibit crews from kicking cars in flat switching operations at locations where the physical characteristics make it likely that such cars will roll back out toward the crew if a proper coupling is not made.

The discussion contained in this safety advisory is not intended to place blame on or assign responsibility to individuals or railroads, but rather to emphasize the fact that a culture of safety and rules compliance is everyone's responsibility. FRA encourages railroad management to adopt and adhere to policies that promote the safest course of action in conducting switching operations, particularly by taking into account unique characteristics that exist at different locations when adopting those policies. Further, a culture of performing each task safely and as instructed in training in accordance with applicable railroad operating rules must be reinforced not only by management, but by railroad employees as well. Railroad management must positively reinforce, via job briefings and other appropriate means, safe job performance in accordance with established rules and procedures. Support from railroad management and positive peer pressure from fellow railroad employees encouraging individuals to perform each task in a safe manner via the proper procedures will help railroad employees maintain responsibility for their own safety.

Recommended Railroad Action: In light of the above discussion, and in an effort to maintain a heightened sense of vigilance among railroads and their employees who conduct switching operations, FRA recommends that railroads:

(1) Review with their employees the circumstances of the fatal incident described in this Safety Advisory 2013-03.

(2) Evaluate locations where flat switching operations are conducted and identify those where the physical characteristics and the types of cars being switched heighten the possibility that cars will roll out toward the employees conducting such operations. After identifying such locations, FRA recommends that railroads adopt procedures requiring that cars be shoved into couplings rather than kicked during

such operations in an effort to lessen the potential safety risks, particularly when employees have to go between equipment.

(3) Review with their employees, including management employees, SOFA Safety Recommendation # 1, *Adjusting Knuckles, Adjusting Drawbars, and installing End of Train Devices*, reproduced above, and communicate its procedures implementing that recommendation to employees working in yards or other locations where the possibility of entering between rolling equipment exists. FRA recommends that railroads place emphasis on the portion of SOFA Safety Recommendation #1 discussing the need to ensure that equipment not attached to the locomotive is stopped, and is secured with handbrakes when necessary, before employees go between rolling equipment. Inherent in complying with SOFA Safety Recommendation #1 is recognition of the physical characteristics of the track on which switching operations are being conducted and the rolling characteristics of the type of equipment being switched, particularly as related to the handling of loaded tank cars.

(4) Re-emphasize the recommendations contained in previous Safety Advisory 2011-02 with all of their employees, including railroad management.

FRA encourages railroad industry members to take actions that are consistent with the preceding recommendations, and to take other complementary actions to help ensure the safety of the Nation's railroad employees. FRA may modify this Safety Advisory 2013-03, issue additional safety advisories, or take other appropriate actions necessary to ensure the highest level of safety on the Nation's railroads, including pursuing other corrective measures under its rail safety authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Limitation on Claims Against Proposed Public Transportation Projects; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on April 22, 2013, concerning a limitation on claims for certain specified public transportation projects. The notice contained an incorrect description of one project.

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Correction

In the **Federal Register** notice dated April 22, 2013, FR Doc. E6-14314, on page 23817, in the third column, the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project was incorrectly described as a *heavy rail* project; a corrected project description should read:

Project description: The project will extend *light rail transit* from the existing Metro Exposition Line at Crenshaw and Exposition Boulevards to the Metro Green Line's Aviation/LAX Station. LACMTA proposes three modifications to the project. These modifications resulted from refinements to design and efforts to reduce cost, to respond to community concerns, reduce right-of-way acquisition, and to improve circulation. The proposed modifications and refinements include reconfiguration of a mid-block at-grade pedestrian crossing to an undercrossing at Faithful Central Bible Church; reconfiguration of a below-grade trench to an aerial guideway over La Brea Avenue; and elevation of the planned at-grade Florence/La Brea Station to street level. This notice only applies to the discrete actions taken by FTA at this time, as described below. Nothing in this notice affects FTA's previous decisions, or notice thereof, for this project.

This correction does not alter the statute of limitations (SOL) for modifications to the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project previously noticed on April 22, 2013, and described above. The SOL on claims still will expire on September 19, 2013.

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