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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2001–11213, Notice No. 29]

Drug and Alcohol Testing: Determination of Minimum Random Testing Rates for 2025

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

ACTION: Notification of determination.

SUMMARY: This notification of determination announces FRA's minimum annual random drug and minimum annual random alcohol testing rates for covered service, maintenance-of-way (MOW), and mechanical (MECH) employees for calendar year 2025.

DATES: This determination takes effect January 3, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year, FRA sets its minimum annual random testing rates after considering the last two complete calendar years of railroad industry drug and alcohol program data submitted to its Management Information System (MIS). FRA, however, reserves the right to consider factors other than MIS-reported data before deciding whether to lower annual minimum random testing rates. See 85 FR 81265 (Dec. 15, 2020).

FRA is announcing that its minimum annual random drug and alcohol testing rates for calendar year 2025 will continue to be the same as those for calendar year 2024, as follows:

- Covered service employees—25 percent for drugs and 10 percent for alcohol.
- MOW employees—25 percent for drugs and 10 percent for alcohol.
- MECH employees—50 percent for drugs and 25 percent for alcohol.

These rates are minimums, and railroads and railroad contractors may

conduct FRA random testing at higher rates.

Discussion

Random Testing Rates for Covered Service Employees

The industry-wide random drug testing positive rate for covered service employees remained below 1.0 percent for 2022 and 2023. The Administrator has therefore determined the minimum annual random drug testing rate for covered service employees will remain at 25 percent for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

The industry-wide random alcohol testing violation rate for covered service employees remained below 0.5 percent for 2022 and 2023. The Administrator has therefore determined the minimum random alcohol testing rate for covered service employees will remain at 10 percent for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Random Testing Rates for MOW Employees

The industry-wide random drug testing positive rate for MOW employees remained below 1.0 percent for 2022 and 2023. The Administrator has therefore determined the minimum annual random drug testing rate for MOW employees will remain at 25 percent for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

The industry-wide random alcohol testing violation rate for MOW employees remained below 0.5 percent for 2022 and 2023. The Administrator has therefore determined the minimum random alcohol testing rate for MOW employees will remain at 10 percent for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Random Testing Rates for MECH Employees

FRA will not have the two full years of industry-wide MIS data required to adjust the random testing rates for MECH employees until it has the MIS data for 2024, since MECH employees did not become subject to FRA random drug and alcohol testing until March 2022. See 87 FR 5719 (Feb. 2, 2022). The Administrator has therefore determined that the minimum random rates for MECH employees will remain at 50 percent for drugs and 25 percent for alcohol for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA–2024–0013]

National Transit Database Reporting Changes and Clarifications for Report Years 2025 and 2026

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice, reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is reopening the comment period for the **Federal Register** notice regarding FTA's National Transit Database reporting changes and clarifications, which was published on October 31, 2024, with the original comment period closing on December 30, 2024.

DATES: The comment period for the document published October 31, 2024 at 89 FR 86907 is reopened. Comments should be filed by January 29, 2025. FTA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by docket number FTA–2024–0013, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, at (202) 493–2251.

Instructions: You must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and Docket Number (FTA–2024–0013) for this notice, at the beginning of your comments. If sent by mail, submit two copies of your comments.

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