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Federal Railroad Administration

NOTICE

The FRA Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Acting Administrator, Sarah Feinberg, has determined that current and anticipated conditions of extreme cold, ice, and severe winter weather in northeastern portions of the United States constitute an "emergency event" as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Acting Administrator notes that the National Weather Service is predicting imminent severe winter weather conditions stretching across the northeastern part of the nation that include record low temperatures, large amounts of snow and strong winds. The Acting Administrator also notes that State and local government officials throughout the northeastern United States have declared emergencies related to the expected winter weather conditions. Therefore, the Acting Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2015-0001) as of January 26, 2015, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.