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NOTICE

The FRA Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, Federal Railroad Administration Administrator Sarah Feinberg has determined that the imminent threat of excessive snow accumulation, wind, and blizzard conditions predicted to occur in the mid-Atlantic region of the eastern United States constitutes an “emergency event” as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Administrator notes that the National Weather Service has predicted a major winter storm for the Eastern U.S. Specifically, the National Weather Service advises that a potentially crippling winter storm is anticipated for portions of the mid-Atlantic Friday (January 22) into early Saturday (January 23). Snowfall may approach two feet for some locations, including the Baltimore and Washington, DC, metro areas. Farther north, there is uncertainty in snowfall for the New York City-to-Boston corridor. Farther south, significant icing is likely for portions of Kentucky and North Carolina. Therefore, the Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2016-0001) as of January 22, 2016 and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.