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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 Executive Director and Acting Administrator Patrick Warren, has determined that recent heavy rainfall, and severe flooding in several states along the Mississippi River and its tributaries, including Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Illinois, constitutes an “emergency event” as related to railroad operations. Additionally, New York State has experienced flooding in the Lake Ontario region and Rochester. In making this determination, the Executive Director notes that the governors of Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas have declared states of emergency in those states, and that several Illinois counties have declared states of emergency. Therefore, the Executive Director has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2017-0001) as of May 5, 2017, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.