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NOTICE

The FRA Executive Director's Declaration of Emergency Event

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, Federal Railroad Administration Executive Director Patrick Warren has determined that the imminent threat of Tropical Storm Cindy with flooding rains, potential power outages, localized flash flooding conditions predicted to occur in the Gulf Coast region of the United States constitutes an “emergency event” as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Executive Director notes that the National Weather Service has issued a Tropical Storm Warning from San Luis Pass, Texas, to the Alabama-Florida border, including Lake Pontchartrain, which means tropical storm conditions are expected and predicted a significant flooding event for the Gulf Coast. Specifically, the National Weather Service advises that tropical storm conditions with heavy rains and flash flooding will affect portions of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas from Wednesday (June 21) to late Friday (June 23). The states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi have issued States of Emergency in anticipation of the impending storm. Therefore, the Executive Director has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2017-0001) as of June 21, 2017 and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.