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NOTICE

The FRA Acting Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event: Hurricane Irma

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, Federal Railroad Administration Acting Administrator Heath Hall has determined that the imminent threat of Hurricane Irma with hurricane force winds, severe storm surge, flooding rains, and potential power outages predicted to occur in the southeast United States constitutes an "emergency event" as related to railroad operations.

In making this determination, the Acting Administrator notes that the National Hurricane Center called Hurricane Irma an "extremely dangerous" Category 5 storm on Tuesday, September 5, and advised that "Preparations should be rushed to completion in the hurricane warning area" and the National Weather Service predicts that hurricane Irma will be located in the vicinity of south Florida by early Saturday, September 9, and hurricane conditions are likely on the Florida peninsula by Sunday, September 10, with tropical storm conditions possible by early Saturday.

The State of Florida preemptively declared a state of emergency for all of Florida's 67 counties on September 4, in anticipation of hurricane force winds, torrential rains and flooding, and damaging storm surges.

Therefore, the Acting Administrator has activated the Emergency Relief Docket (FRA-2017-0001) for Hurricane Irma as of September 6, 2017, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are now in effect.

Heath Hall
Acting Administrator