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**Federal Railroad
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NOTICE

The FRA Acting Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event: Tropical Storm Nate

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 Tropical Storm Nate, with potential hurricane force winds, severe storm surge, flooding rains, and potential power outages predicted to occur along the United States Gulf Coast constitutes an "emergency event" as related to railroad operations.

In making this determination, the Acting Administrator notes that the National Hurricane Center has predicted Tropical Storm Nate will intensify into a Category 1 or 2 hurricane before making landfall somewhere along the Gulf Coast late Sunday, October 8, 2017, and the Center has advised that "Preparations should be rushed to completion in the hurricane warning area." The National Weather Service predicts that Tropical Storm Nate will be located in the vicinity of the Gulf Coast by late Saturday, October 7, with tropical storm conditions possible and hurricane conditions are likely to develop along the Gulf Coast and on the Florida peninsula by late Sunday, October 8.

Therefore, the Acting Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2017-0001) for Tropical Storm Nate as of October 6, 2017, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.

Heath Hall
Acting Administrator