

## **NOTICE**

### **The FRA Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event: Tropical Storm Gordon**

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, Federal Railroad Administration Administrator Ronald Batory has determined that the imminent threat of Tropical Storm Gordon, with flooding rains, potential power outages, and 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 Administrator notes that the National Weather Service has forecasted that Tropical Storm Gordon is expected to increase to a Category 1 hurricane by landfall late Tuesday, September 4, 2018. A hurricane warning was put into effect for the area stretching from the mouth of the Pearl River in Mississippi to the Alabama-Florida border. As much as 8 inches of rain could fall in some parts of the Gulf states through late Thursday, September 6, 2018. The State of Louisiana preemptively declared a state of emergency in anticipation of the storm's landfall.

Therefore, the Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2018-0013) for Tropical Storm Gordon as of September 4, 2018, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.