

Memorandum

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Subject: **Action: Conveying Information About Signal
Aspects/Indications by Radio**

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To: **Regional Directors**

Various railroads across the country have an operating rule which requires engineers to announce, over the radio, the name and/or location of certain block and interlocking signal indications that affect the movement of their train.

This practice is intended to enhance safety, primarily by alerting other members of the crew, located in the caboose or on trailing units, of conditions that might restrict the movement of the train. The crewmembers are then required to acknowledge these transmissions and ensure that the train is being operated in accordance with the signal indication. An ancillary benefit is to constantly identify the location of moving trains.

This type of radio information, when used strictly in accordance with the pertinent operating rule, will not be considered as violating the intent of 49 CFR 220.51.

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