

## **NOTICE**

### **The FRA Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event**

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, Federal Railroad Administration Administrator Ronald L. Batory has determined that the extreme flooding currently occurring throughout the Midwest United States constitutes an “emergency event” as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Administrator notes that the National Weather Service has issued flood warnings for areas throughout the Midwest and documented historic flooding throughout the region with rivers rising to historic levels in numerous locations, causing power outages and breached dams and levees. The region’s recent weather has swelled rivers, creeks and other inland bodies of water throughout the region. The Administrator also notes that the federal and local governments have declared emergencies related to the flooding. Therefore, the Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2019-0001) as of May 31, 2019 and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.