

## **NOTICE**

### **The FRA Chief Counsel Declaration of Emergency Event**

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Chief Counsel, Melissa Porter, has determined that the imminent threat of winds, storm surge and other related weather events predicted to occur in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida as a result of the projected landfall or close coastal travel of will constitute an "emergency event" as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Chief Counsel notes that the governors of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana have declared states of emergency and the National Weather Service cautions the following hazards to land in the path of Tropical Storm Isaac: wind, storm surge, and rainfall. Therefore, the Chief Counsel has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2012-0005) as of August 27, 2012, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.