

NOTICE

The FRA Deputy Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Deputy Administrator, Karen J. Rae, has determined that the imminent threat of winds, storm surge and other related weather events predicted to occur in Eastern North Carolina, the Mid-Atlantic States, and the New England States as a result of the projected landfall or close coastal travel of Hurricane Irene will constitute an "emergency event" as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Deputy Administrator notes that the National Weather Service cautions the following hazards to land in the path of Hurricane Irene: wind, storm surge, and rainfall. Therefore, the Deputy Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2011-0003) as of August 24, 2011, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.