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 recent Magnitude 5.8 Earthquake centered in Mineral, VA constitutes an "emergency event" as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Deputy Administrator notes that US Geological Survey issued an "Orange Alert," for this earthquake, which notes "past events with this alert level have required a regional or national level response." 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.