

NOTICE

The FRA 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) Administrator, Joseph C. Szabo, has determined that the predicted flooding for several locations along the Red River of the North, the Minnesota River and the Upper Mississippi River constitutes an expected, imminent "emergency event" as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Administrator notes that the National Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have issued flood warnings indicating an expectation of several crest locations near record flood stage. Therefore, the Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2011-0003) as of March 24, 2011, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.