

APTA
Member telephone conference – FRA Risk Reduction Program NPRM
April 9, 2015

- I. Applies to:
 - A. Class I freights
 - B. Railroads with inadequate safety record
 - C. Railroads that voluntarily participate
 - D. Does NOT apply to commuter or intercity RRs governed by federal System Safety Program requirements
 - 1. However, coordination required between host RRs and non-covered passenger operators
 - E. Important for APTA members to be aware of because key requirements mirror those that have already been proposed for passenger rail system safety plans (77 Fed Reg 55,372, Sept. 7, 2012)
 - F. If passenger SSP rule is issued in final form first, the information protection provisions will specifically apply to information generated for an RRP as well
 - G. FRA is requesting all new passenger railroads to participate in the APTA/FRA system safety performance audit program
- II. Overlap with FTA System Safety Plan rules:
 - A. Consultation with employees
 - 1. Union
 - 2. Non-union
 - B. Protection of safety data, analysis and mitigation approaches
 - 1. If passenger SSP rule is issued in final form first, the information protection provisions will specifically apply to information generated for an RRP as well
- III. Host railroad coordination – 49 CFR 271.101(c):
 - A. As part of its RRP, each RR that hosts passenger train service for a railroad subject to FRA system safety program plan requirements must communicate with the passenger railroad to coordinate the portions of the system safety program applicable to the host railroad
- IV. Risk-based hazard management program