

Memorandum

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Subject: Roadway Worker Protection Technical Bulletin Adjacent tracks and small unit of major work

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To: Regional Administrators Deputy Regional Administrators Track Supervisory Specialists Signal and Train Control Supervisory Specialists Operating Practices Supervisory Specialists

Section 214.335 (c) requires train approach warning on adjacent tracks that are not included within working limits. There is the question of the application of this paragraph in relation to one element of a large scale maintenance or construction crew that needs to work a distance away from the main group on the same track same authority but outside the adjacent track protection (e.g., a broom).

If one element [machine or person(s)] of a large scale maintenance or construction gang needs to work on track away from the adjacent track protection of the main group that element would require additional on-track safety for the adjacent track.

This bulletin is based on consultation with FRA's Office of Chief Counsel. Anyone desiring a formal legal interpretation on any issues discussed in this bulletin should contact that office.

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