

How does RRP compare to the work accomplished by the Switching Operations Fatality Analysis (SOFA) group and the Collision Analysis Working Group (CAWG)?

The RRP shares two common elements with SOFA and CAWG. Like the RRP, both programs involve industry partnerships between labor, management, and the FRA. They also involve objective data analysis to systematically identify safety risk factors, and recommendations to prevent or mitigate those identified risk factors in the future. RRP is different from SOFA and CAWG in that it seeks information about unsafe events or at-risk behaviors that have not yet resulted in harm to people, equipment or the environment. The RRP uses “upstream” or predictive risk-related data, whereas SOFA and CAWG use past accidents to identify risk. Using information about events that have not resulted in harm creates a more open and trusting environment in which to learn why unwanted consequences occur. RRP seeks to proactively improve safety by providing a "safe" environment in which to learn from at-risk behaviors, events, and conditions.