

How does RRP relate to the enforcement and compliance roles for the Office of Safety (RRS)?

Current regulations, safety rules, regulatory compliance, operating rules compliance, and employee disciplinary policies are considered important cornerstones of the overall safety system in the U.S. rail industry. Enforcement and compliance efforts have led to recent successes in reducing the numbers of accidents and injuries, and are expected to continue providing a baseline level of safety throughout the industry. FRA has determined, however, that it could build upon the traditional approach. Non-regulatory risk-based approaches present an opportunity to enhance safety beyond the baseline created by the current process. As the figure below illustrates conceptually, encouraging the adoption of new non-regulatory approaches to supplement regulatory approaches creates the opportunity for accelerated improvement. The combination of these two approaches will allow FRA to increase its impact and make more rapid progress in achieving its mission.

