



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Federal Railroad  
Administration**

**Railroad Safety Advisory Committee  
Task Statement:  
Track Safety Standards**

**Task No.:** 07-01

**Date initially presented to the RSAC:** February 22, 2007

**Purpose:**

To consider specific improvements to the Track Safety Standards or other responsive actions, supplementing work already underway on continuous welded rail (CWR).

**Description:**

- Review controls applied to reuse of rail in CWR (“plug rail”).
- Review the issue of cracks emanating from bond wire attachments.
- Consider improvements in the Track Safety Standards related to fastening of rail to concrete ties.
- Ensure a common understanding within the regulated community concerning requirements for internal rail flaw inspections.

**Issues requiring specific report:**

The committee should consider, and specifically report on, issues presented in the description above.

**Source:**

National Transportation Safety Board Recommendations R-02-05, R-05-01, R-06-19; FRA investigations

**Refer to/establish following working group:**

Continuous Welded Rail - Track Standards Working Group

**Target Date:**

**Disposition:** Accepted

**Date:** March 9, 2007