



# Federal Railroad Administration

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Railroad Safety Advisory Committee

Roadway Worker Protection Regulation  
Working Group Report

# Session Status

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- **2005 - five sessions**
- **2006**
  - Held four sessions
  - Next scheduled meeting August 22-23, Overland Park, KS
  - Up to three additional meetings to complete task

# Consensus & Progress

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- Reached consensus on 19 items
- Most recent consensus items:
  - Information on the accessibility of the roadway worker in charge and alternative procedures in the event the roadway worker in charge is no longer accessible to the members of the roadway work group
  - Manned locomotive as an inaccessibility instrument for inaccessible track

# Under Discussion

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- **Substantial progress on procedures to safely move weed sprayers and snow throwers on non controlled track**
- **On-track training of other than roadway workers who provide protection for roadway work groups**

# Future Discussion Points

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- **Roadway worker definition and work preparation activities**
- **Assignment of roadway worker in charge for contractors**
- **Electronic documentation**
- **Roadway worker limitations when warned by watchman**
- **Individual train detection at controlled points**

# Future Discussion Points

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- **Maximum training time span for roadway workers**
- **Snow removal at passenger platforms**
- **Training frequency of contractors**
- **Yard limits – controlled/non controlled**
- **Block register territory**
- **Railroads informing contractor of on-track safety requirements**

# Other Activities

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- **Switch manipulation for maintenance purposes (fact gathering)**
- **Post rule analysis**

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# Questions and Discussion