

Non-Accidental Releases (NARs)

A non-accidental release (NAR) is an unintentional release that occurs during transportation, but is not caused by a collision, derailment, or other rail-related accident.

If a NAR has occurred with service equipment or from a tank shell failure **AND** is being offered into transportation or is already in transportation, an OTMA-1 is required.

If a NAR has occurred due to a tank car being overloaded, an OTMA-2 is required.

For questions regarding NARs, please email FRA.RRS.HMII@dot.gov.

