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Administration

Patrick Mawhinney  
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February 25, 2026

Dear Mr. Mawhinney:

This letter is in response to Brightline's submission dated February 25, 2026, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the Engineer Certification Program, which was received by FRA on February 25, 2026. Brightline has complied with FRA's procedures for submitting and approving programs, as described in Appendix B to 49 CFR part 240.

On February 25, 2026, the railroad provided an email stating that it does not have union representation for its train service employees.

FRA reviewed the railroad's program modification and confirmed it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 240. The modifications are consistent with the previously approved Brightline engineer certification program. These changes removed the need for Mechanical Engineers and their training and replaced the Medical Review Officer within the overall program.

Please continue in your efforts to improve railroad safety on your system.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submission at (202) 366-0978 or [FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov](mailto:FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov) or [Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov](mailto:Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov)

Sincerely,

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