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NOTICE

The FRA Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, Federal Railroad Administration Administrator Sarah Feinberg has determined that the imminent threat of Hurricane Matthew with hurricane force winds, flooding rains, power outages, and coastal flooding conditions predicted to occur in the southeastern coastal region of the United States constitutes an “emergency event” as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Administrator notes that the National Weather Service has predicted a significant hurricane event for the southeastern United States. Specifically, the National Weather Service advises that a tropical storm or hurricane conditions will affect portions of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia from Thursday (October 6) to late Saturday (October 7), even if the center of Matthew remains offshore. The states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina have issued States of Emergency in anticipation of the impending storm. Therefore, the Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2016-0001) as of October 5, 2016 and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.