

NOTICE

The FRA Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event: Hurricane Florence

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, Federal Railroad Administration Administrator Ronald Batory has determined that the imminent threat of Hurricane Florence, with hurricane force winds, storm surge, flooding rains, potential power outages, and localized flash flooding conditions predicted to occur in the Eastern 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 forecasted that Hurricane Florence is expected to increase in intensity to a Category 4 hurricane prior to making landfall. The biggest threats from Hurricane Florence are storm surge flooding at the coast and freshwater flooding from prolonged heavy rains inland. Hurricane Florence is forecasted to make landfall late evening on Thursday, September 13, 2018. The governors of North and South Carolina and Virginia have preemptively declared states of emergency in anticipation of the storm's landfall.

Therefore, the Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2018-0013) for Hurricane Florence as of September 11, 2018, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.