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This General Technical Bulletin implements the following changes in the Accident Investigation Guidelines that currently reside in Part IV, Chapter 9 of the RRS General Manual:

1. The requirement for writing the "Analysis and Conclusions" segments of both the F6180.39 and the Fatality Investigative report narratives have changed. Effective with this technical bulletin, each analysis topic must be followed by the conclusions for that topic. This is a change from the previous instructions that indicated the analysis segment should be written in its entirety, followed by the conclusions segment. Reference these segments in the revised instructions for examples.
2. The revised guidelines give specific examples of text for those assigned to perform fatigue analysis and forensic passenger accident investigations to provide to the FRA Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) to include in the narrative segments of the F6180.39 or Fatality Investigative reports.
3. The FRA Guidelines for Conducting Interviews has changed, primarily to include instructions for conducting interviews with train accident victims.

A PDF file will be separately provided to all concerned. This file will contain the complete accident investigation guideline instructions, including the changes specified above. Please distribute as necessary to those assigned to perform accident investigation duties, pending other changes in the General Manual and distribution of printed manuals in the near future.