NOTICE

The FRA Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Administrator, Joseph C. Szabo, has determined that the anticipated severe weather in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida related to the anticipated landfall of Tropical Storm Karen constitutes an "emergency event" as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Administrator notes that Governors of Mississippi and Florida have declared states of emergency in the potentially-affected areas and the National Weather Service has issued a combination of Hurricane watches, Tropical Storm warnings, and Tropical Storm watches in the coastal areas of the states listed above. Therefore, the Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2013-0001) as of October 4, 2013, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.