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## **NOTICE**

### **The FRA Acting Administrator's Declaration of Emergency Event**

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, Federal Railroad Administration Acting Administrator Heath Hall has determined that the imminent threat of Tropical Storm Harvey with flooding rains, potential power outages, and localized flash flooding conditions predicted to occur in the Texas gulf coast region of the United States constitutes an “emergency event” as related to railroad operations. In making this determination, the Deputy Administrator notes that the National Weather Service has issued a Hurricane Warning for the Texas coast from Port Mansfield to Matagorda, a Tropical Storm Warning from north of Matagorda to High Island Texas and a Tropical Storm Warning and a Hurricane Watch from south of Port Mansfield to the Mouth of the Rio Grande. Specifically, the National Weather Service advises that Harvey is expected to produce life-threatening flooding with total rain accumulations of 10 to 15 inches and isolated maximum amounts of 25 inches over the Texas coast through next Wednesday, August 30th. During the same period, Harvey is expected to produce total rain accumulations of 3 to 9 inches along its outer radius including parts of south, central, and eastern Texas and the lower Mississippi Valley. The State of Texas declared a state of disaster for 30 counties on August 23rd in anticipation of severe flooding, storm surges and damaging winds. Therefore, the Acting Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2017-0001) as of August 24, 2017, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.