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**Federal Railroad  
Administration**

**The FRA Administrator’s Declaration of  
Emergency Event:  
Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura**

Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 211.45, Federal Railroad Administration Administrator Ronald L. Batory has determined that the imminent threat of Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura with damaging winds, flooding rains, power outages, and coastal flooding conditions predicted to occur along the Gulf Coast 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 strong winds, heavy rains, and life-threatening flooding will impact Louisiana and states along the Gulf Coast of the United States. Louisiana and Texas have issued States of Emergency in anticipation of the impending storms. Therefore, the Administrator has activated the *Emergency Relief Docket* (FRA-2020-0002) as related to Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura, as of August 24, 2020, and the emergency relief provisions of 49 CFR § 211.45 are in effect.