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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2009-0078]

#### Notice of Petition for Amendment of Waiver of Compliance

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public notice that the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) petitioned FRA to amend an existing waiver of certain regulations related to hours of service.

**DATES:** FRA must receive comments on the petition by January 8, 2026. FRA

will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

#### ADDRESSES:

**Comments:** Comments related to this docket may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

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**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated September 10, 2025 ASLRRA petitioned FRA for an amendment of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal hours of service (HOS) laws contained at 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2009-0078.

Specifically, ASLRRA seeks to amend its existing waiver by adding 6 railroads to the list of railroad participants in the original waiver. ASLRRA stated the following railroads expressed a desire to participate in the waiver and maintain at each of their headquarters supporting documentation of employee support, as required:

- East Penn Railroad
- Kansas City Intermodal Terminal
- New England Southern Railroad
- New Hampshire Central Railroad
- Port Bienville Railroad
- Semo Port Railroad/Motive Rail

ASLRRA states it conducts training multiple times annually for waiver participants to clarify the requirements of the waiver.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2025-0590]

#### Notice of Petition for Waiver of Compliance

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public notice that Canadian National Railway Company (CN) petitioned FRA for relief from certain regulations concerning multiple air-source braking technology.

**DATES:** FRA must receive comments on the petition by January 8, 2026. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:**

**Comments:** Comments related to this docket may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Zuiderveen, Railroad Safety Specialist, FRA Motive Power & Equipment Division, telephone: 202–493–6337, email: [steven.zuiderveen@dot.gov](mailto:steven.zuiderveen@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated August 13, 2025 CN petitioned FRA for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 232 (Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2025–0590.<sup>1</sup>

Specifically, CN seeks relief from § 232.205(c)(1)(ii)(B), *Air Flow Method Test*, which states that a “train equipped with at least one distributed power unit or air repeater unit providing a source of brake pipe control air from two or more locations must not exceed a combined flow of 90 cubic feet per minute (CFM).” CN explains that drastic temperature changes along a train’s route may affect brake pipe airflow, and the challenge can be mitigated by adding additional air sources, which CN has been testing pursuant to a rule exemption by Transport Canada. In the petition, CN reports that “by adding air sources to the train, the overall health of the brake system improves notwithstanding that the combined airflow will exceed 90 CFM,” and therefore seeks to increase the maximum allowable combined brake

pipe air flow from 90 CFM to 160 CFM across three air sources. The change would only apply to trains on the Sprague Subdivision (operated by CN) and on the Chicago to Winnipeg corridor (operated by WCL in the U.S. and CN in Canada), which totals about 18 trains on each route.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2025–1107]

### Pipeline Safety: Minimum Random Drug Testing Rate for Calendar Year 2026

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA has determined that the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing for covered employees will be 50 percent during calendar year (CY) 2026.

**DATES:** Applicable January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Lemoi, Drug & Alcohol Program Manager, Office of Pipeline Safety, by phone at 909–937–7232 or by email at [wayne.lemoi@dot.gov](mailto:wayne.lemoi@dot.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Notice of CY 2026 Minimum Annual Percentage Rate for Random Drug Testing

Operators of gas, hazardous liquid, and carbon dioxide pipeline facilities; liquefied natural gas plants; and underground natural gas storage facilities must randomly select and test a percentage of all drug and alcohol (D&A) covered employees for prohibited drug use in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 199.

The Administrator can adjust the minimum random drug testing rate based on the reported positive rate of the industry’s random drug tests, which is obtained from operators’ and contractors’ annual Drug and Alcohol Management Information System (DAMIS) reports as required by section 199.119(a). In accordance with § 199.105(c)(3), if the reported positive drug test rate is below one percent for two consecutive CYs, the Administrator may lower the random drug testing rate to 25 percent of all covered employees. Conversely, § 199.105(c)(4) requires the Administrator to raise the minimum annual random drug testing rate from 25 percent to 50 percent [or maintain the rate at 50 percent] of all covered employees when the data obtained from the latest annual DAMIS reports required by § 199.119(a) indicate the positive test rate is equal to or greater than one percent.

The minimum annual random drug testing rate was 50 percent of all

<sup>1</sup> CN petitioned for a similar waiver in Docket Number FRA–2021–0091. <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FRA-2021-0091/document>.