

**Subpart A—General****§ 212.1 Purpose and scope.**

This part establishes standards and procedures for State participation in investigative and surveillance activities under the Federal railroad safety laws and regulations.

**§ 212.3 Definitions.**

As used in this part:

(a) *Administrator* means the Federal Railroad Administrator or the Deputy Administrator or the delegate of either of them.

(b) *Associate Administrator* means the Associate Administrator for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), or the Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA.

(c) *FRA* means the Federal Railroad Administration.

(d) *Federal railroad safety laws* means the following enactments, together with regulations and orders issued under their authority:

(1) The Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970, as amended (45 U.S.C. 421, 431–441);

(2) The Safety Appliance Acts, as amended (45 U.S.C. 1–16);

(3) The Locomotive Inspection Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 22–34);

(4) The Signal Inspection Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 26);

(5) The Accident Reports Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 38–42);

(6) The Hours of Service Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 61–64(b)); and

(7) The Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 app. U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), as it pertains to shipment or transportation by railroad.

(e) *Manufacturer* means a person that manufactures, fabricates, marks, maintains, reconditions, repairs, or tests containers which are represented, marked, certified, or sold for use in the bulk transportation of hazardous materials by railroad.

(f) *Shipper* means a person that offers a hazardous material for transportation or otherwise causes it to be transported.

(g) *Planned compliance inspections* means investigative and surveillance activities described in the annual work plan required by § 212.109 of this part that provide basic surveillance of rail-

road facilities, equipment and/or operations for the purpose of determining the level of compliance with relevant Federal safety requirements.

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**§ 212.5 Filing.**

Each State agency desiring to conduct investigative and surveillance activities must submit to the Associate Administrator for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, the documentation which contains the information prescribed by §§ 212.105 and 212.107.

**Subpart B—State/Federal Roles****§ 212.101 Program principles.**

(a) The purpose of the national railroad safety program is to promote safety in all areas of railroad operations in order to reduce deaths, injuries and damage to property resulting from railroad accidents.

(b)(1) The national railroad safety program is carried out in part through the issuance of mandatory Federal safety requirements and through inspection efforts designed to monitor compliance with those requirements. FRA and State inspections determine the extent to which the railroads, shippers, and manufacturers have fulfilled their obligations with respect to inspection, maintenance, training, and supervision. The FRA and participating States do not conduct inspections of track, equipment, signal systems, operating practices, and hazardous materials handling for the railroads, shippers, and manufacturers.

(2) The national railroad safety program is also carried out through routine inspections, accident investigations, formal and informal educational efforts, complaint investigations, safety assessments, special inquiries, regulatory development, research and similar initiatives.

(c) It is the policy of the FRA to maintain direct oversight of railroad, shipper, and manufacturer conditions and practices relevant to safety by conducting inspections and investigations