

**Subpart B—The Role of the State**

**§ 659.21 Designation of oversight agency.**

(a) For a transit agency or agencies operating within a single State, the State must designate an agency of the State, other than a transit agency, to serve as the oversight agency and to implement the requirements of this part.

(b) For a transit agency operating a system within more than one State, those States may designate a single entity, other than the transit agency, to implement the requirements of this part.

**§ 659.23 Confidential investigation reports.**

The State may prohibit an investigation report that may be prepared by the oversight agency from being admitted into evidence or used in a civil action for damages resulting from a matter mentioned in the report.

**Subpart C—The Oversight Agency’s Role**

**§ 659.31 The system safety program standard.**

(a) The oversight agency must develop and adopt a system safety program standard that, at a minimum—

(1) Complies with the American Public Transit Association’s “Manual for the Development of Rail Transit System Safety Program Plans” (APTA Guidelines) published on August 20, 1991, hereby incorporated by reference; and

(2) Requires the transit agency to address the personal security of its passengers and employees.

(b) The APTA Guidelines specify procedures for developing a system safety program plan, generally discuss the principles of system safety, and specifically address certain issues critical to the safe operation of a rail fixed guideway system.

(c) The incorporation by reference of the APTA Guidelines has been approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51. Copies of the APTA Guidelines may be obtained from the American Public Transit As-

sociation, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20005–3917, (202) 893–4000. The Guidelines may be inspected at, and are available from the Federal Transit Administration, Office of Safety and Security, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590, and at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC.

**§ 659.33 System safety program plans.**

(a) Except as provided in § 659.33(b), the oversight agency must —

(1) Require the transit agency to implement, beginning on January 1, 1997, a system safety program plan conforming to the oversight agency’s system safety program standard; and

(2) Approve in writing before January 1, 1997, the transit agency’s system safety program plan.

(b) The oversight agency must —

(1) Require the transit agency to implement beginning on January 1, 1998, the security portion of its system safety program plan; and

(2) Approve in writing before January 1, 1998, the security portions of the transit agency’s system safety program plan.

(c) After December 31, 1996, the oversight agency must review and approve, in writing, the transit agency’s system safety program plan, as necessary, and require the transit agency to update its system safety program plan, as necessary.

(d) The oversight agency may prohibit a transit agency from publicly disclosing the security aspects of the system safety program plan.

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**§ 659.35 Transit agency annual audit reports.**

The oversight agency must—

(a) Require that the transit agency submit, annually, a copy of the annual safety audit report prepared by the transit agency as a result of the Internal Safety Audit Process (APTA Guidelines, checklist number 9); and

(b) Review the annual safety audit reports prepared by the transit agency.

**§ 659.37 Safety reviews.**

At least every three years the oversight agency must conduct an on-site