

**Subpart A—General Provisions****§210.1 Scope of part.**

This part prescribes minimum compliance regulations for enforcement of the Railroad Noise Emission Standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency in 40 CFR part 201.

**§210.3 Applicability.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the provisions of this part apply to the total sound emitted by moving rail cars and locomotives (including the sound produced by refrigeration and air conditioning units that are an integral element of such equipment), active retarders, switcher locomotives, car coupling operations, and load cell test stands, operated by a railroad as defined in 45 U.S.C. 22, under the conditions described in this part and in 40 CFR part 201.

(b) The provisions of this part do not apply to—

- (1) Steam locomotives;
- (2) Street, suburban, or interurban electric railways unless operated as a part of the general railroad system of transportation;
- (3) Sound emitted by warning devices, such as horns, whistles, or bells when operated for the purpose of safety;
- (4) Special purpose equipment that may be located on or operated from rail cars;
- (5) As prescribed in 40 CFR 201.10, the provisions of 40 CFR 201.11 (a) and (b) and (c) do not apply to gas turbinepowered locomotives or any locomotive type that cannot be connected by any standard method to a load cell; or
- (6) Inert retarders.

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**§210.5 Definitions.**

(a) *Statutory definitions.* All terms used in this part and defined in the Noise Control Act of 1972 (42 U.S.C. 4901 *et seq.*) have the definition set forth in that Act.

(b) *Definitions in standards.* All terms used in this part and defined in §201.1 of the Railroad Noise Emission Stand-

ards, 40 CFR 201.1, have the definition set forth in that section.

(c) *Additional definitions.* As used in this part—

*Administrator* means the Federal Railroad Administrator, the Deputy Administrator, or any official of FRA to whom the Administrator has delegated authority to act in the Administrator's stead.

*Consist of a locomotive and rail cars* means one or more locomotives coupled to a rail car or rail cars.

*FRA* means the Federal Railroad Administration.

*Inert retarder* means a device or system for holding a classified cut of cars and preventing it from rolling out the bottom of a railyard.

*Inspector* means FRA inspectors or FRA specialists.

*Noise defective* means the condition in which railroad equipment is found to exceed the Railroad Noise Emission Standards, 40 CFR part 201.

*Railroad equipment* means rail cars, locomotives, active retarders, and load cell test stands.

*Standards* means the Railroad Noise Emission Standards, 40 CFR part 201. (See appendix A in this part for a listing.)

**§210.7 Responsibility for noise defective railroad equipment.**

Any railroad that uses railroad equipment that is noise defective or engages in a car coupling operating that results in excessive noise according to the criteria established in this part and in the Standards is responsible for compliance with this part. Subject to §210.9, such railroad shall—

- (a) Correct the noise defect;
- (b) Remove the noise defective railroad equipment from service; or
- (c) Modify the car coupling procedure to bring it within the prescribed noise limits.

**§210.9 Movement of a noise defective locomotive, rail car, or consist of a locomotive and rail cars.**

A locomotive, rail car, or consist of a locomotive and rail cars that is noise defective may be moved no farther than the nearest forward facility where the noise defective conditions can be eliminated only after the locomotive,