

Subject Rail yard evacuation

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Summary

This bill mandates that Class I and Class II railroad carriers perform at least two live evacuation drills annually at rail yards where (1) rail that contains hazardous materials is moved, (2) more than 400 rail cars are moved or passed through each week, or (3) other specified types of rail movement activity takes place.

It specifies requirements related to the drills, such as inclusion of all rail carrier employees present as well as union safety representatives in the drill, inclusion of rail employees in evacuation drill planning and review, permission for other emergency response personnel to attend, and annual reporting on the drills to identified recipients.

The bill also requires posting of evacuation and related information at each rail yard where drills are mandated.

It is effective August 1, 2020.