

NORTHEAST OPERATING RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
12th Edition Transition Guide

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
Table of Contents Modifications	Rule 135- Title Modified, Rule 175- Title Modified, Rule 585- Title Modified, Rule 943- Removed, Rule 961- Removed.
Definitions	New: turnaround service.
C	Revised to include requirement to bring railroad-supplied electronic devices when reporting for examination classes.
1	Rule revised to accommodate more current methods of information distribution.
5	New rule to address the appropriate possession and display of current certificate(s) of train and engine service employees.
20	New requirement for sounding engine bell while approaching and passing a station platform adjacent to the track (Item 7).
121	(B) Revision to assurance of protection.
	(D) Revision to dispatcher responsibilities.
	(E) Revision to receiving and discharging passengers at designated stations.
	(F) Item F, procedure for station occupancy has been revised and is now contained in item E.
	(G) Previous Item G redesignated to Item F.
135	Simplify the title "Protection by Stop Signs When an In-Service Track is Obstructed for Maintenance" to "In Service Track Obstructed for Maintenance". Rule restructured to clarify employee responsibilities, delineate requirements for movements that are part of the work group vs. those that are not part of the work group, address situations where movements stop or need to reverse direction within working limits, and cancellation of working limits.
175	Reorganized and revised language for clarity, and to specify that interlocking limits are excluded from temporary speed restrictions unless otherwise specified on Bulletin Order or Form D.
280a - 298a	Table formatting updated to avoid spanning across facing pages.
280a	Revision of indication speed to 59 MPH.
280b	Revision of indication speed to 59 MPH.
293	Deleted.
293a	Deleted.
293b	Figure E deleted.
293c	Figures A and E deleted.
294	Deleted.
294a	Deleted.
297	Revision to indication prescribed by rule 135.
406	New item added to address approaching hand-operated facing point switches.
551	Re-worded description of the engineer's test of the audible indicator for clarity.
556	Dispatcher's authorizations for movement revised to now include a bulleted list of speed restrictions: 59 MPH for passenger trains, 40 MPH for trains transporting loaded Poisonous Inhalation Hazards, and 49 MPH for all other trains.
563	Form D authorization for movement in rule 562 territory amended within the designated limits to 59 MPH for passenger trains and 49 MPH for freight trains.

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581	Remove the final sentence from Item A that discusses the scenario where another unit becomes the lead during a departure test.
583	The revision to bullet 4 of the stop release involves eliminating extraneous content and the removal of the crew's obligation to designate the next governing signal to the dispatcher.
585	Removal of the previously bulleted items detailing potential PTC failures, amend Item A to clearly describe the engineer's responsibilities.
611	Rule revised to remove requirement for dispatcher permission in CSS territory when cab signal indication is more favorable than Restricting.
612	Item 2 revised to refer to Rule 613 when signal indication is not possible.
613	Base of the rule modified to be more explicit, Item 3 adjusted to broaden the usage of blocking devices, last paragraph about restricted speed revised to include new instructions.
716	Restructured the section about the usage of electronics to be more simplified.
803	(A) Revised to clarify use of Rule 241 when track car is moving one track car length beyond a home signal and that the Line 2 and 3 exception applies for track cars that are part of the work group within working limits.
943	Rule removed.
961	Rule removed.
Form D	Line 12 of form D revised to say, "Crossing Malfunction at ____" as opposed to "Protect crossing(s)___".