



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: July 8, 2015

In reply refer to: R-15-26

The Honorable Sarah Feinberg
Acting Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
Washington, DC 20590

On June 25, 2015, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) adopted the accident report resulting from a September 25, 2013, accident in which BNSF Railway (BNSF) eastbound train BLACWSP223A (7891 East) struck the rear end of standing BNSF train SLHTLPC223A (6746 East) on main track no. 2 near Amarillo, Texas. Several cars from 7891 East derailed and fell across the adjacent track, main track no. 1. Approaching BNSF westbound train ZWSPSBD724L (6943 West) struck the derailed cars.¹ Additional information about this accident and the resulting recommendations may be found in the report of the investigation, which can be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number RAR-15/02.

As a result of this investigation, we issued two new recommendations including one to BNSF Railway, and the following recommendation to the Federal Railroad Administration:

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Prohibit the use of a white light as a marking device on the rear of a train.

Chairman HART, Vice Chairman DINH-ZARR, and Members SUMWALT and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it. When replying, please

¹ National Transportation Safety Board, *Collision Involving Three BNSF Railway Freight Trains near Amarillo, Texas, September 25, 2013*. RAR-15/02 (Washington, DC: National Transportation Safety Board, 2015).

refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov.

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Chairman