



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY TIP

FAST ACT REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL-TIME TRAIN CONSIST INFORMATION

KEY COMPLIANCE DATES

1. **Class I Railroads:** June 24, 2025
2. **Class II & III** Railroads:** June 24, 2026

The consist must have:

1. **Emergency Response Point of Contact:** a railroad emergency point of contact and phone number that is continuously monitored.
2. **Origin/Destination** – the origin and destination of the **train**, not individual rail cars.
3. **Documentation** – the crew must maintain and update a physical copy of the consist (does not impact railroads operating under a special permit for maintaining the consist electronically on a device).
4. **Notification** – the railroad must telephonically notify the 911 center for the jurisdiction in which an accident or incident occurs and transmit the consist to them electronically. If the railroad is not the owner of the track, they must also notify that party.
5. **Updates** – when picking up or setting out rail cars, the consist must be updated prior to any train movement.
6. **Testing** – the railroad must annually test the notification process to ensure reliability throughout their network.
7. **Location** – maintain electronic consist information off the train and make available electronically to designated railroad emergency response point of contact.

**Class III Alternative Compliance Method:

- Develop a written plan on how the railroad will provide accurate train consist information to local emergency responders.
- Inform response organizations and PSAPs (Public Safety Access Points – 911 centers) about the plan.
- Test the plan annually to demonstrate effectiveness.
- Enact the plan during emergencies.