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To: Railroads operating in Iowa

Subject: Telephone notification of rail incidents, Revised August 8, 2018

The Iowa Department of Transportation requires immediate telephone notification of certain types of rail incidents (Iowa Code 327C.37; Iowa Administrative Code 761-802.2).

Incidents that must be reported by phone include grade crossing accidents, derailments or other incidents that:

- result in personal injury requiring hospitalization
- result in a death
- involve a derailment of 10 cars or more
- involve a derailment of any number of cars or locomotives when one or more are not upright
- involve a derailment of a rail passenger train
- involve a significant release of hazardous materials such that it presents a risk or potential risk to public health including illness, death, evacuation or shelter-in-place of persons
- involve damage to public or private transportation infrastructure not owned by the involved railroad

Telephone notification of incidents not meeting one or more of these criteria is not required or desired.

The Iowa Department of Transportation has recently established a Statewide Emergency Operations Support Center that is staffed 24 hours a day, year round. The following phone number is effective immediately and supersedes the prior notification dated 11-25-08.

**Incident Notifications:** 515-237-3300  Answered 24 hours a day

Please change your records to reflect the new number immediately.

This notification will fulfill your requirements to the Iowa Department of Transportation, but does not affect or modify your responsibilities to report to other governmental agencies such as local law enforcement, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, etc.

Please contact Amanda Martin at 515-239-1653 or amanda.martin@iowadot.us if there are any questions.

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Immediate telephone notification of rail incidents is required ONLY for incidents meeting one or more of these criteria:

- Results in personal injury requiring hospitalization
- Results in a death
- Involves a derailment of 10 cars or more
- Involves a derailment of a passenger train
- Involves a derailment of any number of cars or locomotives when one or more are not upright
- Involves a significant release of hazardous materials such that it presents a risk or potential risk to public health including illness, death, evacuation or shelter-in-place of persons
- Involves damage to public or private transportation infrastructure not owned by the involved railroad

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Questions or concerns about this policy?
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