

FRA Post Accident Testing Criteria

Start

Was accident at grade crossing or wholly attributable to natural cause, vandalism or trespassers?

Yes

No Federal Post Accident test*

No

Was FRA damage criteria of \$6,700 met?

No

Was an on-duty railroad or contract employee fatally injured due to movement of on-track equipment?

No

No Federal Post Accident test*

Yes

Test HOS employees that had a possible role in the cause or severity of the accident AND also test the deceased.

Yes

Was there a fatality to anyone?

Yes

Test crew members of ALL trains involved and any other HOS employees that had a possible role in the cause or severity of the accident. ALSO, test the deceased if an on-duty railroad employee.

No

Was there \$1 million damage to railroad property?

Yes

Test crew members of ALL trains involved and any other HOS employees that had a possible role in the cause or severity of the accident.

No

Was there a release of hazardous material lading from railroad equipment?

Yes

Was there an evacuation or a reportable injury resulting from the release?

Yes

Test crew members of ALL trains involved and any other HOS employees that had a possible role in the cause or severity of the accident.

No

No

Was there a reportable injury to any person in an accident involving a passenger train?

Yes

Test HOS employees that had a possible role in the cause or severity of the accident.

No

Was this an impact accident? **

Yes

Was there a reportable injury?

Yes

No

Was there damage to railroad property of \$150,000 or more?

Yes

No Federal Post Accident test*

No

An employee may NOT be recalled for testing if he/she has been released under normal procedures UNLESS:
 the employee went off duty prior to being contacted by a railroad supervisor; AND
 there is a clear probability that THIS employee played a major role in the cause or severity of the accident/incident; AND
 the accident/incident occurred during the employee's duty tour.

* This does not preclude the possibility of a Federal reasonable suspicion or reasonable cause test being appropriate.
 ** Impact accident includes head-on collision, rear-end collision, side collision, switching collision or impact with a deliberately placed object such as a bumping post. The following are NOT impact accidents:
 1. Accident in which the derailment of equipment causes an impact with other rail equipment,
 2. Impact of rail equipment with fallen trees, rock or snow slides, livestock, etc.,
 3. Raking collisions caused by derailment of rolling stock or operation of equipment in violation of clearance limitations.