

Field Questionnaire

1. Is it necessary for you to foul the track?
2. Who is the roadway worker in charge?
3. What type of on-track safety (OTS) do you have on the track(s) you are fouling?
4. Is the OTS appropriate for the work that you are performing?
5. What type of OTS do you have on adjacent tracks?
6. What are the specific working limits? Otherwise, what tracks are protected by train approach warning and when clearing the track, where is the designated place of safety? Can you be clear of the track before a train is 15 seconds away from your position in the track?
7. If you are a lone worker using individual train detection, is the OTS statement completed?
8. If you are a lone worker, do you know you that have the absolute right to use an alternate form of OTS other than individual train detection?
9. If you are using individual train detection, are you working where there is no noise or other impairments interfering with your ability to detect the approach of trains? Are you outside a manual interlocking, controlled point, or remote hump yard facility? Do you have the ability to clear to a protected area? Do you have the required sight distance to be in the clear before a train is 15 seconds away from your position in the track? Are you performing only minor repair or correction work that does not interfere with your ability to detect the approach of trains?
10. Is a copy of the railroad's OTS rules readily available?
11. Was a briefing conducted and do you understand all aspects of your OTS and feel you are adequately protected?
12. Do you have the required OTS training or qualification to perform your duties?
13. What are the roadway maintenance machine procedures that you must know for your safety if machines are involved in the work?
14. If required, is railroad communication (Radio) available (220.11)?
15. Are you keeping alert of OTS procedures and changes throughout the entire day?
16. Did you remember to stop, look, and listen before crossing any track regardless of the on-track safety status of the track(s) and to expect any movements of trains and roadway maintenance machines on any track, in any direction, and at any time?