

Great Western Painting

In Plant Rail Safety

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Prior to working on or operating in plant railroad equipment, employees, including supervisors, will receive documented training, taught by a competent person, that addresses in plant railroad safety consistent with the complexity of their job assignment and the hazards involved. In addition to initial training before job assignment, retraining will be conducted at least annually. Retraining also will be conducted in the event unsatisfactory or unsafe job performance is observed.

Training will include, but not be limited to:

1. System equipment and layout
2. Equipment inspection
3. Safety controls
4. Safety procedures
5. PPE equipment
6. Emergency procedures
7. Accident procedures
8. Training assessment (testing and observation)

Specific training will be accomplished at the facility where the in plant railroad is located.

In all cases, appropriate PPE will be worn when working in, on, or around in plant railroads. This would always include reflective, high visibility clothing; gloves; safety glasses with permanently attached side shields; hard hats; steel toed boots or other specialized boots that will protect the bones in the foot.

Only trained, licensed, and authorized persons will operate locomotive/self propelled rail equipment. Only trained and authorized employees will ride on any in plant rail equipment. All rail equipment will be inspected before use. Additionally, all rail equipment including freight cars will be inspected in the normal course of work by freight crews for malfunction or any defects related to safety. This will be accomplished by actual or roll-by inspections. All adverse safety related issues will be immediately reported to the department management or other designated person.

Specific Safety Rules:

1. No person is to ever attempt to crawl under or climb over or cross in front of moving rail equipment.
2. No person is ever to position any part of their body in a potential pinch point.
3. When mounting or dismounting railroad equipment, have three (3) points of contact facing the car or locomotive. Firmly grab the irons and firmly place foot on the step. Check the ground for slipping hazards.
4. Never move from car to car when railroad equipment is moving.
5. Only authorized personnel are permitted to couple and uncouple cars.
6. No work may be performed within six (6) feet of any railroad track without obtaining written permission from the railroad supervisor/designated person who is authorized to take the track out of service.
7. Prior to rail equipment movement, crew member will agree to the method of communications. Movements will be controlled either by hand signals or radio communication. **One or the other—not both!**
8. In the event of an emergency such as derailment, fire, obstruction to tracks that could cause injury to employees, serious delay, or damage to property, a crew distress call will be proceeded by the word **“EMERGENCY”** repeated three (3) times.
9. Pedestrians/employees may only cross existing designated rail crossing where provided.
10. Vehicle crossings are not intended for pedestrian crossings unless so identified.

Note: The procedure for crossing railroad tracks if a designated rail crossing is not available:

1. do not cross within 10 feet of the end of a parked rail car.
2. do not cross between uncoupled cars.
3. stop, look , and listen prior to proceeding across the tracks.
4. never step on the actual rails (they may be slippery)