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Southeast Association of Rail Shippers
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STATUS OF TOP JOBS

CONFIRMED NOMINATED EMPTY

TRUMP 33 57 120

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Surface Transportation Board



EP 711: Competitive or Forced Switching?



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- **Establishes Board as Fully Independent Agency of Government**

Federal Railroad Administration



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Reg Reform at FRA

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Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration





Reg Activity at PHMSA

- ECP Brakes and Tank Car Standards Rule
 - New Tank Car Design Standards consensus
 - ECP Brakes proposal controversial
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Reg Activity at PHMSA

- Oil Spill Response Plan Rulemaking
 - Affects “HIGH-HAZARD FLAMMABLE TRAINS”
 - More comprehensive reporting to local governments
 - State Preemption?

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Other Issues in Play

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Short Line

Safety Institute