

Rail

NGFA Board of Directors Meeting September 9, 2024

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STB Actions under Chairman Primus

Letter to a Carrier on PNW Rail Service Hearing on Growth in the Freight Rail Industry Meetings on Mexican Freight Rail





Mexico

- Grain railcars taking longer to get pulled to Mexico and to return.
- 22 million metric tons of corn from the U.S. this year vs. 15 million last year
- 2/3rds of U.S. grain moved to Mexico by rail, 1/3rd across the Gulf.
- U.S. exports to Mexico holding steady for several years.
- Mexican exports to U.S. going up about \$25 billion per year.

Sistema Ferroviario de México





Rail Safety

- East Palestine derailment
- Senate Commerce Committee rail safety bill
 - Mandate two-person crews;
 - Require a regulatory review of train length maximum limits;
 - Create train speed limits;
 - Mandate two separate processes for rail car inspection, and
 - Require the installation of hot-box detectors.
- House rail safety bill





Rail Safety

- NTSB report
 - Research to create regulations on bearing defect detection systems;
 - Quicker phaseout of DOT-111 cars; and
 - Improve emergency response.

