

**REMOTE CONTROL LOCOMOTIVE RULEMAKING
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(Legislative Version - Reflects Changes to Current Rule)

Add to WAC 480-62-125 Definitions

“Remote-control area” means any place remote-control operations are conducted on a railroad.

“Remote-control operations” means controlling the movement of locomotives through the use of radio transmitter and receiver systems by persons not physically located at the controls within the confines of a locomotive cab.

“Remote-control zone” means a designated area where access is restricted in which remote control operations may occur under alternative point protection procedures.

WAC 480-62-320 Remote-Controlled Operations

(1) ~~Railroad companies, including logging and industrial railroad companies, must report to the Commission their intention to use remote control devices to operate trains thirty days~~ create or enlarge a remote-control area at least thirty days before remote-control operations begin. The ~~Reports~~ must include:

- (a) The name of the railroad company;
- (b) The approximate date when remote-control operations will start; and
- (c) The location of the remote-control operations; and
- (d) ~~Whether trains with locomotives operated by remote control will travel over at-grade pedestrian or vehicular crossings.~~ Railroads should provide sufficient information to allow the Commission to determine what road crossings at grade are included within the remote-control area.

(2) ~~If remote-controlled trains will be operated over crossings, the railroad company must list the affected crossings.~~ Railroad companies must report to the Commission their intention to create or enlarge a remote-control zone at least thirty days before remote-control operations begin.

Reports must include:

- (a) The name of the railroad company.
- (b) The approximate date when remote-control operations will start.
- (c) The remote-control area within which the zone will be created.

(3) ~~Each railroad company using remote control devices on the effective date of this rule must submit the report within thirty days after the effective date.~~ Railroads must report to the Commission their intention to use cameras for point protection at crossings at least thirty days prior to the intended implementation date.