

**REMOTE CONTROL LOCOMOTIVE RULEMAKING  
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(Clean 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 movements 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 create or enlarge a remote-control area 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; and
- (c) The location of remote-control operations. Railroads should provide sufficient information to allow the Commission to determine what road crossings at grade are included within the remote-control area.

(2) 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) 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.