WASHINGTON, D.C. – Yesterday the Federal Railroad Administration published its Rail Integrity and Track Safety Standards final rule in the Federal Register. AFPM responded to FRA's rule by issuing the following statement from Rob Benedict, senior director of petrochemicals, transportation, and infrastructure:

"AFPM has long advocated for a safe U.S. freight rail network through measures that focus on mitigating the root cause of most incidents – failures in the rail infrastructure itself. FRA's new final rule will help accomplish exactly that, by allowing railroads to more easily and frequently test their tracks and repair rail flaws before safety issues emerge. We fully support the deployment of the latest innovations and technologies for continuous safety monitoring to further enhance rail and track safety."

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