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Change Signal Indication: Rule 9.2.14 Stop and Proceed to Restricted Proceed

Advantages:

- Simplification of the rule, procedure for passing a number plated signal would be the same in all territories and situations. (Example; currently a train delayed in the block in CTC would be required to stop short of the signal, in all other territories a train delayed in the block would be allowed to pass the signal without stopping.)
- Improved train handling by reducing the number of stops and starts required and restricted speed compliance on descending grade territories. Improved fuel conservation.
- Increased velocity.
- No statistically increase in risk on railroads that have Restricted Proceed in place. CP, CN, NS, CSX,

Revised Rule:

Application: Trains are now allowed to pass number plated signals displaying a red aspect without stopping at Restricted Speed.

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Proceed at Restricted Speed

Crew Talking Points:

- Train may now pass number plated signals displaying a RED aspect at Restricted Speed without stopping
- Rule 9.16 Stop and Proceed will not apply on UP.
- Remind crews that they must be prepared to pass the signal at Restricted Speed.
- Train must be prepared to stop within ½ the range of vision short of items listed in Rule 6.27. (Example: A Red Flag placed just beyond the signal or a stop signal given by hand.
- Remind crews to remain alert when required to pass multiple Restricted Proceed indications without stopping for Trains Ahead, Stop Indications, Red Flags, etc..

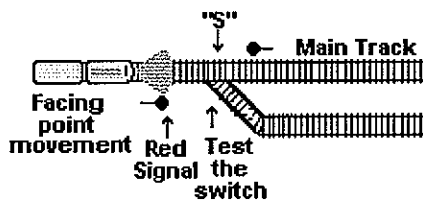
- Ensure that crews understand that this change only applies to number plated signals; Absolute signals (Clear masthead signal) displaying a RED aspect is still treated as a STOP indication.
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8.9.1: Testing Spring Switch

A crew member tests the switch by lining the switch over and back by hand and examining the switch points to see that they fit properly.

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1. A block signal governing movement over the switch indicates:
 - Stop.
 - Stop and Proceed.
 - or**
 - Restricted Proceed.



FTX Testing

Managers are encouraged to increase testing in this area for the next 3 months with focus in the following areas:

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- Ability to comply with Restricted Speed after just passing the "Restricted Proceed" indication.
- Compliance with Restricted Speed after passing two or more signals displaying a "Restricted Proceed" indication.
- Compliance with Rule 8.9.1 Testing Spring Switch, explain difference between "Restricting" signal indication and "Restricted Proceed" indication.

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