



THE BELT RAILWAY COMPANY OF CHICAGO

Office of the Director, Rules and Compliance

YARDMASTER NOTICE

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To: Yardmasters, Clearing

Subject: Hazardous Materials Placement – Norfolk Southern Outbound Trains


























Norfolk Southern has instituted hazardous material train makeup restrictions more restrictive than those currently required by the BRC on all NS outbound trains.

Specific additional NS requirements are outlined in the following NS Train Placement Chart.

Note that shiftable loads are prohibited next to ALL hazardous materials classes on NS outbound trains. This specifically includes Class 9 rail cars of all types.

The following restrictions will apply on NS outbound trains, even when the BRC Train Make-Up Restrictions, Chart 2, shown in Item 12 Special Instructions, BRC Timetable #4, Page 47, does not indicate a restriction.

Note changes to Group 5 cars as noted below:

FIGURE 12. POSITION-IN-TRAIN CHART				FIGURE 12. POSITION-IN-TRAIN CHART				
NORFOLK SOUTHERN HAZARDOUS MATERIALS POSITION-IN-TRAIN CHART				GROUP 3	GROUP 4		GROUP 5	
<p>HOW TO USE THIS CHART</p> <p>Select the applicable column of the Position-in-Train Chart by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Finding the placard or markings applied to the car; Determining the load or residue status of the car by the notation "RESIDUE: LAST CONTAINED" on the paperwork; Identifying the type of car involved by inspection; and then Finding the appropriate column based on the placard applied, load or residue status, and car type. <p>Read and follow the restrictions associated with the placard or markings as indicated by "X"s in the columns.</p> <p>EQUIVALENT PLACARDS  = </p> <p>Cars with placards displaying 4-digit identification numbers will be handled the same as cars with word description placards.</p> <p>NOTE: The words "POISON" and "TOXIC" can be used interchangeably on placards displayed in Group 4.</p>				<p>GROUP 1</p>     <p>Hazard Zone A Hazard Zone A</p>	<p>GROUP 3</p> 	<p>GROUP 4</p>           <p>Hazard Zone B, C, or D Canadian or International Canadian Only Hazard Zone</p>	<p>GROUP 5</p>        	
RESTRICTIONS				Any Car	Loaded Tank Car	Residue Tank Car	Other Loaded Car	Loaded Tank Car
1 When train length permits, must not be nearer than the 6th car from a locomotive or any occupied caboose, showing platform, or passenger car. If length does not permit, must be near the middle of the train.				X	X			
2 Locomotive, any occupied caboose, showing platform or passenger car.				X	X	X		
3 Open-top cars (including bulkhead flats) when any of the lading protrudes beyond the car ends or if shifted would protrude beyond the car ends.				X	X			X
4 Loaded flat cars except closed TOFC/COFC equipment, multi-levels, and other specially equipped cars with tie-down devices for handling vehicles.				X	X			X
5 Railroad wheels loaded on wheel car flats. In gondolas with no ends, or loaded with the axis above the top of the cars.				X	X			X
6 Any rail cars, transport vehicles, or freight containers with temperature control equipment or internal combustion engine, when running or not.				X	X			
7 Any placarded car in another placarding Group, except it may be next to any residue placarded car or any car placarded or marked as in Group 5.				X	X		X	

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