CHAPTER 802
NOTIFICATION OF RAILROAD ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS
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761—802.1(327C) Written reports.

802.1(1) When required. A railroad filing with the Federal Railroad Administration any of the forms listed in subrule 802.1(2) shall, at the same time, file a copy with the department at the following address if the accident or incident occurred in Iowa: Office of Rail Transportation, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010.

802.1(2) Forms. This rule applies to the following Federal Railroad Administration forms:
FRA F 6180.54 — Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Report
FRA F 6180.57 — Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Accident/Incident Report

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761—802.2(327C) Notification of railroad accidents/incidents.

802.2(1) Accidents or incidents requiring notification. Any accident/incident involving train movement which results in any of the following shall be reported within four hours of the accident/incident to the department:

a. Fatality.
b. Personal injury requiring hospitalization.
c. Derailment of ten or more rail cars and locomotives.
d. Derailment of any number of cars or locomotives when one or more are not upright.
e. Derailment or other incident involving a railroad passenger train.
f. Release or potential release of hazardous materials that presents a risk or potential risk to public safety including injury, fatality, evacuation or shelter-in-place of persons.
g. Damage to public or private transportation infrastructure not owned by the involved railroad.

802.2(2) Content of notice. The notice of an accident/incident shall provide, at a minimum, the following information:

a. Name of the railroad involved.
b. Name and contact information of the individual calling to file the notice.
c. Date and time the accident/incident occurred.
d. Location of the accident/incident, described as accurately as possible, including the nearest city and the U.S. DOT crossing identification number or railroad milestone.
e. Description of the accident/incident.
f. Impact on motor vehicle travel, if known.
g. Number of injuries and fatalities.
h. Hazardous materials involved in the incident and actions taken in the event of a release.
i. Number of rail cars derailed.

802.2(3) Method of notification. The notice shall be made to the department’s traffic management center by telephone at (515)237-3300 (open year-round, 24 hours a day, including legal holidays).

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