

I will have more comments to make about this. The rule is very disturbing. In this comment, I would like to bring up decibel levels and rail yards. People living near rail yards (and railroad workers for that matter) suffer from train horns. The same train horns that sound at grade crossings sound in rail yards, many times excessively.

You are considering 111-114 dB(A) horns for the upper limits. There is no reason for people to suffer these high volumes when they live near rail yards. Although this document deals with sounding the horn at grade crossings, the FRA would do well to identify alternatives to loud train horns for trains operating in rail yards.

Railroad workers are taught to always expect a train. Busses and trucks have back up horns. Why don't trains? A back up horn located at the back of a train would warn railroad workers, and it would not have to be as loud as the train horn. They could use other alternatives, too such as oscillating lights like airplanes use--at least at night.

Please don't forget to protect the rights of people who live near rail yards. Using 114dB(A) horns in railyards amounts to torture for those people.