

Summary Report for Individual Task  
551-88U-4320  
Evaluate Host Nation/Contractor Railway Safety Program  
Status: Approved

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**Condition:** Assigned as a Railway Specialist given the requirement to advise COCOM/Host Nation personnel on evaluating Host Nation/Contractor Railway Safety Program, given a train, train crew, signals, and safety rules, day or night, in all weather conditions, and in an operational environment. Some iterations of this task should be performed in MOPP 4.

**Standard:** Evaluate Host Nation/Contractor Railway Safety Program without causing injury to personnel or damage to equipment.

**Special Condition:** None

**Safety Risk:** Low

**MOPP 4:** Sometimes

**Task Statements**

**Cue:** You have been tasked to evaluate a Host Nation/Contractor Railway Safety Program.

**DANGER**

Always be alert when working around trains. Injury, death or damage to equipment can occur from being hit, run over, or crushed between rail vehicles.

**WARNING**

None

**CAUTION**

Working around live tracks is always dangerous. Follow all safety procedures outlined in the GCOR. Install portable derail or flag protection IAW GCOR.

**Remarks:** None

**Notes:** None

### Performance Steps

1. Check compliance with the blue flag rule by ensuring the following are completed:
  - a. Crewmembers acknowledge placement of blue lantern, blue light, or blue flag.
  - b. Crewmembers display or remove blue signal as required.
  - c. Crewmembers do not interfere with the view when placing other equipment on the same track.
  - d. Crewmembers notify engineman and protect repair area when emergency repair work is to be done under or about cars.
  - e. Crewmembers are aware of any other general use or communication signals or markings while working on or about rails.
2. Observe train crew performance for compliance with the GCOR.
3. Observe train crew performance for compliance with the ABTH rules.
4. Observe train crew performance for compliance with the System Special Instructions (SSI).
5. Observe train crew performance for compliance with the timetable.
6. Observe train crew performance for compliance with the safety rules.

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

**Evaluation Guidance:** Mark each performance measure either GO or NO-GO. The Soldier must complete all steps to receive a GO for each measure. All measures must be marked GO to receive an overall GO on the task. If the Soldier fails any performance measure, show what was done wrong and how to do it correctly.

**Evaluation Preparation:** Ensure that all materials required to perform the task are available. Tell the Soldier that he/she will be evaluated on evaluating host nation/contractor railway safety program.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. Checked compliance with the blue flag rule.			
2. Observed train crew performance for compliance with the GCOR.			
3. Observed train crew performance for compliance with the ABTH rules.			
4. Observed train crew performance for compliance with the System Special Instructions (SSI).			
5. Observed train crew performance for compliance with the timetable.			
6. Observed train crew performance for compliance with the safety rules.			

**Supporting Reference(s):**

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary
1.	ATP 4-14	Expeditionary Railway Center Operations	No	No
1.	GCOR	GCOR General Code of Operating Rules	No	No
2.	GCOR	GCOR General Code of Operating Rules	No	No
3.	TC 55-88-1	RAIL HANDBOOK FOR AIR BRAKE AND TRAIN HANDLING RULES	No	No
4.	ATP 4-14	Expeditionary Railway Center Operations	No	No

**Environment:** Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so, you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects. Refer to FM 3-34.5 Environmental Considerations and GTA 05-08-002 ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED RISK ASSESSMENT.

AR 200-1 delineates TRADOC responsibilities to integrate environmental requirements across DOTMLPF and ensures all training procedures, training manuals, and training doctrine includes sound environmental practices and considerations. The Army's environmental vision is to be a national leader in environmental and natural resource stewardship for present and future generations as an integral part of all Army missions. Environmental protection is never completed. Continuously be alert to ways to protect our environment and reduce waste.

Leaders must ensure that their unit has an active and strong environmental program. They must understand the laws and know what actions to take. Leaders bring focus, direction, and commitment to environmental protection. Commanding officers should ensure the following environmental programs are in place and are being maintained:

- Hazardous materials program.
- Hazardous waste program.
- Hazardous communications program.
- Pollution prevention and hazardous waste minimization recycling program.
- Spill prevention and response plan program.

**Safety:** In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with ATP 5-19, Risk Management. Leaders will complete the current Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheet in accordance with the TRADOC Safety Officer during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines IAW FM 3-11.4, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Protection, FM 3-11.5, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Decontamination.

All operations will be performed to protect and preserve Army personnel and property against accidental loss. Procedures will provide for public safety incidental to Army operations and activities and safe and healthful workplaces, procedures, and equipment. Observe all safety and/or environment precautions regarding electricity, cable, and lines. Provide ventilation for exhaust fumes during equipment operation and use hearing protection when required IAW AR 385-10, the Clean Air Act (CAA) and the CAA amendments, and the OSHA Hazard Communication standard.

Accidents are an unacceptable impediment to Army missions, readiness, morale, and resources. Decision makers at every level will employ risk management approaches to effectively preclude unacceptable risk to the safety of personnel and property affiliated with this task.

- (a) Take personal responsibility.
- (b) Practice safe operations.
- (c) Recognize unsafe acts and conditions.
- (d) Take action to prevent accidents.
- (e) Report unsafe acts and conditions.
- (f) Work as a team.

**Prerequisite Individual Tasks :** None

**Supporting Individual Tasks :** None

**Supported Individual Tasks :** None

**Supported Collective Tasks :** None