



Fwd: FRA Drug and Alcohol Testing Rate for 20171 message

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The FRA has determined that the minimal annual random drug and alcohol testing rate will remain the same (25% of covered service employees for drug testing, 10% for alcohol testing) for 2017, as positive test rates have remained below the set threshold.

FRA notes that as a result of the recent final rule, maintenances-of-way employees will become subject to FRA random drug and alcohol testing beginning on June 12, 2017. FRA further notes that when originally setting drug and alcohol testing rates in 1993, the Administration had set its initial minimum random drug testing rate at 50 percent, and its alcohol testing rate at 25 percent. As data over time showed low positive test percentages, FRA lowered the minimum rate. FRA states that since it does not yet have data on MOW employees, that for the period June 12, 2017, through December 31, 2017, the minimum annual random drug testing rate will be set at 50 percent of MOW employees, and the minimum annual random alcohol testing rate will be set at 25 percent of MOW employees.

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-23/pdf/2016-31009.pdf>

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