



# AAR Embargo/OPSL Notes and Permit System User Guide



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## Learning about the AAR Embargo/OPSL Notes and Permit System

This document describes how to use the AAR Embargo and Open & Prepay Station List (OPSL) Notes and Permit Management System (AAR Embargo System) through the following major sections:

- [Getting Started](#) describes how to access and log in to the system.
- [Working with Embargoes](#) describes how to perform common embargo tasks, such as issuing, searching, editing, deleting, and approving embargoes.
- [Managing Embargo Permits](#) describes how to obtain a permit to bypass an embargo.
- [Working with OPSL Notes](#) describes how to perform common OPSL Note tasks, such as issuing, searching, editing, deleting, and approving OPSL Notes.
- [Managing OPSL Note Permits](#) describes how to obtain a permit to bypass an OPSL Note.
- [Using Administrative Tools](#) describes tools available for working with embargoes and OPSL Notes, including contacts, subscriptions, geographic templates, FTP profiles, and an EDI 824 viewer.

A glossary and index follow the major sections.

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## Overview

The AAR Embargo System supports the following two important rail industry functions:

- **Embargo and Permit Management**, which is covered under best business practices in AAR Circular TD-1. This circular, accessible through the Embargoes menu, governs the issuance of embargoes and should be reviewed by railroad embargo officers when issuing a new embargo or amending an existing embargo.
- and
- **OPSL Notes and Permit Management**, which has its own set of rules and guidelines (accessible through the OPSL Notes menu).

An **embargo** is a *temporary* method of controlling traffic movements when, in the judgment of the serving railroad, something threatens congestion, accumulation, or otherwise interferes with operations, such as track, bridge, or other physical impairments that warrant restrictions. Embargoes may contain a provision for a permit to provide controlled movement of traffic to an embargoed destination.

**Note:** Embargoes expire after one year. A carrier can reissue an embargo if the issue is not resolved within a year; however, an OPSL Note is a better option for long-term issues.

The AAR Embargo System enables railroads to issue, amend, and cancel an embargo. The system also enables a railroad user with assigned permissions to grant a permit (or multiple permits) for specific shipments to proceed to an embargoed destination. The system allows for search and



retrieval by embargo number and/or embargo attributes such as Standard Transportation Commodity Codes (STCCs), State/Province, Freight Station Accounting Codes (FSACs), City Locations, or Patron Names. Embargoes may be made effective immediately for severe conditions, but generally, embargoes require a 48-hour waiting period.

An **OPSL Note** is a *permanent* method of identifying stations which, due to operational issues such as clearance, weight, capacity, etc., require controlled traffic movement. OPSL Notes may contain a provision for a permit to provide a controlled movement of traffic to a specific station.

The AAR Embargo System enables a railroad to issue, amend, and cancel an OPSL Note. The system also enables a railroad user with assigned permissions to grant a permit(s) for specific shipments to proceed to a station with notes in the OPSL.

**Note:** All OPSL Notes are *not* created and maintained in the AAR Embargo System. This system does not include all notes published in the “Official Railroad Station List”, but only includes those notes that impact rail shipment movement associated with operational issues such as bridge, clearance, or weight restrictions. OPSL Notes are not Embargoes.

This user guide assists users in navigating the interface, performing system procedures, and understanding the meaning of fields.

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## System Requirements

For information about the system requirements of Railinc web applications and for information about downloading compatible web browsers and file viewers, refer to the [Railinc UI Dictionary](#).

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## Accessing the Railinc Customer Success Center

The Railinc Customer Success Center provides reliable and timely high-level support for Railinc customers. Representatives are available to answer calls and respond to emails from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, and provide on-call support via pager for all other hours to ensure support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Contact us toll-free by phone at 877- RAILINC (1-877-724-5462) or send an email directly to [esc@railinc.com](mailto:esc@railinc.com).

## Getting Started

If you just want to *view* embargos and OPSL Notes and Permits, you do not need to log in to the application. Click [here](#) or you can also access it through the [Railinc Portal](#) > [Products & Services](#) > [AAR Embargo System](#) page in the **Related Links** section.

To use the system with more than view functionality, access the AAR Embargo System by using Railinc Single Sign-On (SSO), a web application that provides convenient access to a variety of Railinc products. To get started, go to the Railinc Portal at <https://public.railinc.com> and select the **Customer Login** in the top right corner. Enter your user ID and password in the fields and select **Sign In**.

### Notes:

1. If you do not already have a Railinc SSO user ID and password, refer to the [Railinc Single Sign-On User Guide](#). Once you have access to Railinc SSO, you must request access to the AAR Embargo System within SSO.
2. If you do not have access to the AAR Embargo System, request access by following instructions in the [Railinc Single Sign-On User Guide](#). See [Learning about User Roles](#) below for information about the available levels of access. When you have received e-mail notification confirming your access, you can login and begin using the AAR Embargo System.

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## Learning about User Roles

Your assigned user role determines what functions you can perform. User roles are assigned by Railinc or by your company administrator through the Single Sign-On interface (see [Exhibit 1](#)).

### Exhibit 1. SSO Request Permission

1 Select Roles 2 Confirm 3 Done

Embargo Officer - Non Level 4 ( MARK required )  
Embargo officer who can issue an Embargo on behalf of his/her road.

Embargo Party to the Waybill  
Waybill Shipper, consignee or care of party who need to request permits.

Embargo Permit Officer-NonLV4 ( MARK required )  
Permit Officer of a road who can issue permits on behalf of his/her road.

OPSL Note Officer ( MARK required )  
Same as the role Road Embargo Issuer. Issue (request for) OPSL note on behalf of his/her road; Maintain a list of contact persons, who would be notified when a OPSL note is issued.

OPSL Note Permit Officer ( MARK required )  
Same as Railroad Permit Officer role. Accept/reject/cancel permit requests for authorized road; Cancel permits for authorized road; Create/import/export Non-Level 4 Permits for authorized road; View Level 4/Non-Level 4 permits for authorized road.

Comments...

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Return Next

The following user roles can be assigned to users of the AAR Embargo System:

- **Embargo Officer – Non-Level 4** – Embargo officer who can issue an Embargo on behalf of his/her road.
- **Embargo Party to the Waybill** – Waybill Shipper, consignee, or care of party who needs to request permits.
- **Embargo Permit Officer – Non-Level 4** – Permit Officer of a road who can issue permits on behalf of his/her road.
- **OPSL Note Officer** – Equivalent to the Embargo Officer – Non-Level 4 role. This role can issue OPSL notes on behalf of his/her road and can maintain a list of contact persons who are notified when an OPSL note is issued.
- **OPSL Note Permit Officer** – Equivalent to the Embargo Permit Officer – Non-Level 4 role. This role can accept/reject/cancel permit requests for authorized roads; cancel permits for authorized roads; create/import/export Non-Level 4 permits for authorized roads; and view Level 4/Non-Level 4 permits for authorized roads.

**Note:** Level 4 refers to an emergency or very severe issue as directed by the AAR. Level 4 access is restricted to authorized personnel.

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## Logging In

To log into the AAR Embargo System:

1. Open your internet browser and enter <https://public.railinc.com> to open the Railinc website.
2. Select the **Customer Login** link in the upper right of the page. The Account Access page is displayed.
3. Enter your User ID and Password. Select **Sign in**. The Railinc Launch Pad is displayed.
4. Under My Applications, select **AAR Embargo System**. The AAR Embargo System Home page is displayed (see [Exhibit 2](#)).

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## Logging Out

Select the **Sign Out** link to end an AAR Embargo System session and return to the SSO Login Page.

If multiple SSO applications are open (in separate browser windows), and you want to close only one, close the unwanted session window by selecting the **X** at the top right of the window or pressing **Alt +F4**. Do NOT select the **Sign Out** link—this would end the entire Single Sign-On session (and *all* open SSO applications).

If the user session has been idle for more than 30 minutes, a warning message is displayed, and you must log back in.

# Viewing the Home Page

The Home page is displayed once you successfully log in to the AAR Embargo System (see [Exhibit 2](#)).

## Exhibit 2. AAR Embargo System Home Page

**RAILINC** | AAR Embargo System MIGHTW : RAIL Launch Pad Sign Out

Home Embargoes ▾ Embargo Permits ▾ OPSL Notes ▾ OPSL Note Permits ▾ Dashboard Tools ▾ Help ▾

**Welcome to AAR Embargo/OPSL Notes And Permit System**

Welcome to the AAR Embargo and Open & Prepay Station List (OPSL) Permit Management Systems. This website is intended for two unique functions in the rail industry. One function is Embargo and Permit Management that is covered under best business practices in AAR Circular TD-1 which can be located under the Embargo TAB. The second and unique function is Open & Prepay Station (OPSL) Notes and Permit Management.

**Embargo and Permit Management**

An Embargo is a temporary method of controlling traffic movements when in the judgment of the serving railroad threatens congestion, accumulation or other interference with operations such as track, bridge or other physical impairments that warrant restrictions. Embargoes may contain a provision for a permit to provide a controlled movement of traffic to an embargoed destination.

The Embargo and Permit functions will allow a railroad to issue, amend and cancel an embargo. Another feature of the Embargo Permit Database System will allow a railroad user with assigned permissions to grant a permit(s) for specific shipments to proceed to an embargoed destination.

The database allows for search and retrieval by Embargo Number and/or embargo attributes like Standard Transportation Commodities (STCC), State/Province, Freight Station Accounting Code(s) (FSAC), City Locations or Patron Names, etc. For specific information on Embargo procedures click on the link to AAR Embargo Circular. You may also access HELP text and the Embargo Permit Database Users Manual for additional information. For specific questions contact [csc@railinc.com](mailto:csc@railinc.com) or call Railinc Customer Support at 1-800-544-7245.

**OPSL Note and Permit Management**

An OPSL Note is a permanent method of identifying stations which, due to operational issues such as clearance, weight, capacity, etc., require controlled traffic movement. OPSL Notes may contain a provision for a permit to provide a controlled movement of traffic to a specific station.

The OPSL Note and Permit functions will allow a railroad to issue, amend and cancel an OPSL Note. Another feature of the OPSL Note Permit Database System will allow a railroad user with assigned permissions to grant a permit(s) for specific shipments to proceed to a station notes in the OPSL.

The Application Menu, shown at the top of each AAR Embargo System page, provides access to the following functions:

<b>Menu Item</b>	<b>Function</b>
<b>Home</b>	Navigate to the AAR Embargo System Home page.
<b>Embargoes</b>	Issue embargoes, search for embargoes, view pending embargoes, create and view embargo templates, search for and view embargo and permit officers, and view the TD1 Circular (which governs the placing and handling of embargoes).
<b>Embargo Permits</b>	Request and search embargo permits, search embargo permit requests, administer and create embargo permits, and search for and view embargo and permit officers.
<b>OPSL Notes</b>	Issue OPSL Notes, search for OPSL Notes, view pending OPSL Notes, create and view OPSL Note templates, search for and view OPSL Note and permit officers, and view the OPSL Note rules and guidelines.
<b>OPSL Note Permits</b>	Request and search OPSL Note permits, search OPSL Note permit requests, administer and create OPSL Note permits, and search for and view OPSL Note and permit officers.
<b>Tools</b>	Create and search for contacts, create and view geographic templates, create and view subscriptions, search and view audit logs, search and view outbound EDI 824 messages, and view EDI 824 error codes and descriptions.
<b>Help</b>	Access the online documentation, including the user guide (this document), a list of frequently asked questions, and a listing of EDI 824 error codes and descriptions.

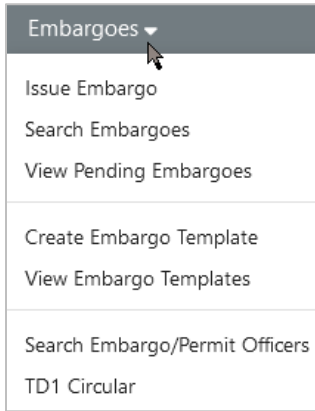
**Notes:**

- Menu content may vary depending on your role-based permissions (see [Exhibit 1](#)).
- For detailed instructions about using the Railinc interface elements such as menus, calendar tools, and drop-down text boxes, refer to the [Railinc UI Dictionary](#).
- Mandatory fields are marked with an asterisk (\*).

## Working with Embargoes

When you select **Embargoes** on an AAR Embargo System page, the Embargoes menu is displayed (see [Exhibit 3](#)).

**Exhibit 3. Embargoes Menu**



[Exhibit 4](#) describes the tasks available on the Embargoes menu.

**Exhibit 4. Embargoes Menu Items and Descriptions**

Menu Item	Description
<a href="#">Issue Embargo</a>	Enables you to create an embargo that temporarily restricts rail traffic from a specified area. Embargoes are not in effect until they are approved by the AAR.
<a href="#">Search Embargo</a>	Enables you to search for existing embargoes. Once results are located, you can perform additional functions.
<a href="#">View Pending Embargoes</a>	Enables you to view a list of draft, pending, and rejected embargoes for your mark.
<a href="#">Create Embargo Template</a>	Enables you to create an embargo template that is prepopulated with regularly used information.
<a href="#">View Embargo Templates</a>	Enables you to view and apply the embargo templates that you have created.
<a href="#">Search Embargo/Permit Officers</a>	Enables you to search for embargo officers for all marks.
<a href="#">TD1 Circular</a>	Enables you to view the AAR Circular TD-1, which governs the placing and handling of embargoes.

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## Issuing Embargoes

Newly issued embargoes remain in **Pending** status until approved by the AAR Administrator.

The following general rules apply when issuing an embargo:

## Working with Embargoes

- Road embargo issuers can only issue embargoes for their own roads.
- An embargo administrator can issue non-level 4 embargoes for any road.
- The default **Request Date** is the date the embargo is issued. The **Effective Date** is an estimation and is calculated as 48 hours after the approval/request date. The default **Expiration Date** is one year from the current date and is editable for Embargo Officers and Admin. The **Expiration Date** must be more than 30 days, but one year or less from the **Request Date**.
- Embargo numbers are generated by the system at the time of issuance.

Use the following procedure to issue a new non-level 4 embargo:

1. Select **Embargoes > Issue Embargo**. The Issue Embargo page is displayed (see [Exhibit 5](#)).

### Exhibit 5. Issue Embargo (top and bottom of page)

#### Issue Embargo

##### General Embargo Information

Embargo No:	<input type="checkbox"/> Op Station Notice	Status: New	Effective Date: 04-28-2023
Issuing Road *	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective Immediately	Request Date 04-25-2023	Expiration Date 04-25-2024
Allow Permits Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allow Admin Issued Permits	Bypass Local Waybills - Choose Yes/No -	
Embargo Contact Email *	Permit Contact Email/Url		
<input type="checkbox"/> Include Empty Revenue Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> Include All Empty Cars	(Only for causes of Weather Conditions, Derailment, Bridge Out of Service, Catastrophic Event, Spontaneous Labor Action, Civil Activism, or Congestion/Accumulation.)	
Participating Roads	Notes to Participating Roads		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Min Car Allowed	Number of Min Car Allowed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Max Car Allowed	Number of Max Car Allow...

Cause	Notes
Cause * - Choose a Cause -	Notes
Cause Detail	

##### Commodity

Target Select Commodities  Target All Commodities

Include These Commodities

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**Equipment**

Target Select UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target All UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target Select UMLER Equipment Type Groups

Target Select UMLER Field/Status

Include These Umler Equipment Type Groups   
  Exclude These Umler Equipment Type Groups

<input type="checkbox"/> A - Equipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> F - Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> K - Equipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> R - Refrigerator/RBL's	<input type="checkbox"/> V - Automobile Multi-levels
<input type="checkbox"/> B - Unequipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> G - Unequipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> L - Special Types	<input type="checkbox"/> S - Stack Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> Z - Intermodal Trailers
<input type="checkbox"/> C - Covered Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> H - Unequipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> P - Conventional Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> T - Tanks	
<input type="checkbox"/> E - Equipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> J - Gondola GT	<input type="checkbox"/> Q - Lower Profile Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> U - Intermodal Containers	

**Equipment Characteristics**  
 Add Equipment Axle Count & Length Conditions to Restrict Movement

Total Weight on Rail: <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid #ccc; display: inline-block; width: 150px;"></span> - No Weight Restrictions -	- Select a Quantity -	lbs.
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Clearance Code - No Clearance Codes -
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**Waybill Parties**

Target Select Waybill Parties   
  Target All Waybill Parties

Include waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)   
  Exclude waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)

Include City and State validation   
  Exclude City and State validation

Include  Any of These Waybill Parties:

CIF	🔍	+	🗑️	<input type="checkbox"/> Shipper	<input type="checkbox"/> Consignee	<input type="checkbox"/> Care of party	<input type="checkbox"/> Ship From	<input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up
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2. Complete the available described input fields:

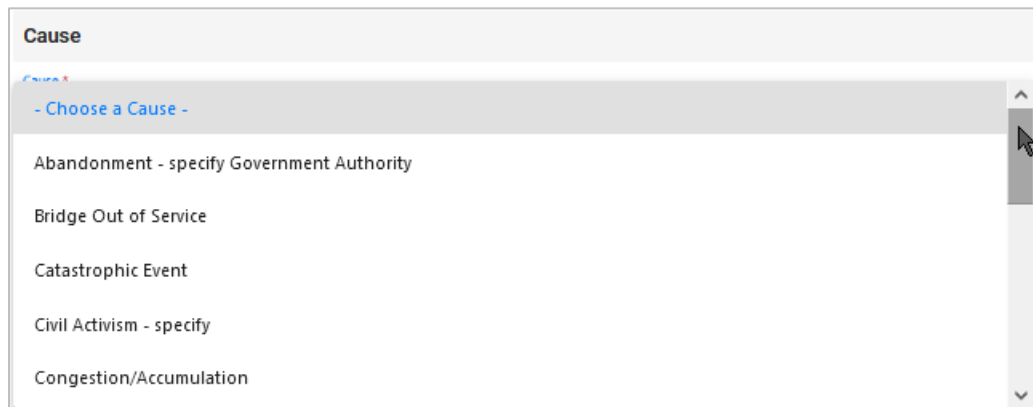
- a. **Op Station Notice:** A pop-up box explains the Operating Station Notice. Select **OK** to close the pop-up. Checking this only serves as a notice of intent. No waybills are matched, or EDI 824 messages issued. An email is sent to affected parties.
- b. **Embargo Status:** The status for a new embargo is **New** until it is submitted for approval. When issued, the status becomes **Pending** unless it is saved as a **Draft**.
- c. **Issuing Road:** Use the drop-down to select the road issuing the embargo. Road embargo issuers can only issue embargoes for their own road.
- d. **Effective Immediately:** Check to make the embargo effective immediately following approval. By not checking the box, the embargo will become effective after 48 hours. Please note the following business rule regarding the proper use of this option:
  - [Circular TD-1](#) statement on “effective immediately” in section IV-A.
  - An embargo declared as being effective immediately may not be issued for other physical impairments or for operational impairments of any kind.
  - An embargo declared as being effective immediately becomes effective as soon as the embargo administrator approves the embargo.
- e. **Effective Date:** The date the embargo becomes effective.

- f. **Request Date:** The date the embargo is requested; defaults to current date.
- g. **Expiration Date:** Non-editable field; defaults to one year from the current date.
- h. **Allow Permits:** To allow permits to the issued embargo, select **Yes**, otherwise select **No**. When **Yes** is selected, the **Permit Contact Email/Url** field appears.
- i. **Allow Admin Issued Permits:** Check this box to allow admin issued permits. This option is only available for users with Embargo Officer permissions for the issuing road and can be selected when **Allow Permits** is **No**.
- j. **Bypass Local Waybills:** Select **Yes** or **No** to determine if the embargo should bypass local waybills (originates and terminates on your road); no EDI 824 is issued.
- k. **Embargo Contact Email:** Enter the embargo contact's email address.
- l. **Permit Contact Email/URL:** Field appears when **Yes** is selected for Allow Permits. Enter the permit contact's email address or website link.
- m. **Include Empty Revenue Cars:** Select to include empty revenue car waybills in the embargo. If empty, the equipment is applied against the embargo just like a load.
- l. **Include All Empty Cars:** This is used only for specific circumstances such as weather conditions, derailment, bridge out of service, catastrophic events, spontaneous labor action, civil activism or congestion/accumulation. When this field is selected with **Congestion /Accumulation** as the **Cause**, the following are required to successfully issue an embargo:
  - The embargo needs to target a specific customer and location. This means the **Geography** section ([Exhibit 9](#)) must have one or more **Destination** FSACs and/or one or more Interchanges. You cannot target all locations or target all interchanges.
  - If a destination FSAC and an interchange are included, the **AND/OR** option in **Geography** must be set to **AND**.
  - In the **Waybill Parties** section, at least one **CIF** must be included with waybill party designation of **Consignee** or **Care of Party**. When only an interchange is included in the **Geography** section, then **Target All Waybill Parties** can be selected. You cannot **Target All Waybill Parties** with exception CIF's.
- m. **Participating Roads:** Allows a road issuing an embargo to invite other roads to participate in the embargo. Enter one or more road marks. As needed, use the magnifying glass link to look up reporting marks.

For the selected Participating Road(s), a button is added to the details of the embargo. The Participating Road will select the Add/Remove Stations button and a popup window will appear allowing the Participating Road to search for and enter their own FSACs to be added to the embargo.
- n. **Notes to Participating Roads:** Enter free form notes up to 4000 characters regarding invitation for roads to participate in created embargo. Notes to Participating Roads are emailed to "participating" roads when embargo is issued. Notes cannot be seen by any other roads.

- o. **Min Car Allowed:** Allows you to specify the minimum car count allowed. No 824 is issued when number of cars is more than the specified number and all criteria is not matched.
- p. **Max Car Allowed:** Allows you to specify the maximum car count allowed. No 824 is issued when number of cars is less than the specified number and all criteria is not matched.
- q. **Min Car Allowed and Max Car Allowed:** When both fields are selected, no 824 is issued when number of cars is less or more than the specified numbers and all criteria is not matched.
- r. **Cause:** Use the **Choose a Cause** drop-down field to select the required cause of the embargo (see [Exhibit 6](#)). When **Congestion/Accumulation** is selected with **Include All Empty Cars**, see [Include All Empty Cars](#) for requirements.

**Exhibit 6. Embargo Cause Drop-down**



- s. **Cause Details:** Use this field to further explain the reason for the issued embargo (up to 255 characters).

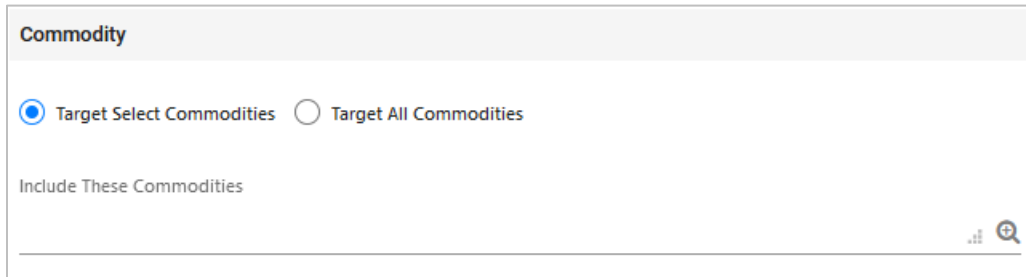
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**Note:** Government, Other, Weather, and Weight must include an explanation in the **Cause Details** box.

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- t. **Notes:** Use this field to further clarify the reasons for the issued embargo or to provide additional relevant information (up to 255 characters).
- u. **Commodity:** Select either to target your embargo for selected or all commodities
  - **Target Select Commodities** (see [Exhibit 7](#))

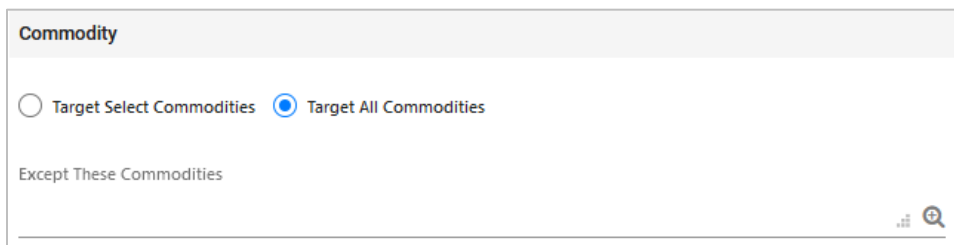
**Exhibit 7. Target Select Commodities**



This is the default option. Use this option to embargo only certain commodities. Specify the STCCs in the **Include These Commodities** field. Specify the 7-digit STCCs. Use commas to separate multiple entries. Specify a range of STCC numbers by entering the beginning STCC, then a dash (-), then the ending STCC in the range. Select the magnifying glass to search for STCCs.

- **Target All Commodities** (see [Exhibit 8](#))

**Exhibit 8. Target All Commodities**



Use this option to embargo all commodities or all except those specified by STCC in the **Except These Commodities** field. Use the available input field to specify the 7-digit STCCs. Use commas to separate multiple entries. Specify a range of STCC numbers by entering the beginning STCC, then a dash (-), then the ending STCC in the range. Select the magnifying glass to search for STCCs.

- v. **Geography:** The Geography section provides you a variety of ways to specify the locations that need to be embargoed (see [Exhibit 9](#)).

**Exhibit 9. Create Embargo–Geography Section**

**Geography**

- (To just embargo all traffic in and out of one station, enter station in FROM box and Select Bi-Directional checkbox)
- (When issuing an Embargo or OPSL Note and Target All Locations option is chosen then the interchange pairs in the template will be suppressed and not used.)

Include These Locations     Target All Locations

Origin

FSAC ▾

Destination

Bi-Directional FSAC ▾

+

Exclude These Locations

Origin

FSAC

Destination

Bi-Directional FSAC

Include These Interchanges     Target All Interchanges

OR ▾

Choose a Geography Template.

BNSF KC

FSRR

GREAT RIVER RAILROAD

Greenville Branch Ayer MA

Hurricane Gustav

[Create Geography Template]

**Note:** For instructions on using the magnifying glass with a minus sign on it (also used to remove equipment applied to an embargo), see [Removing Geographic Locations from Embargoes](#).

- w. **Include These Locations/Target All Locations:** Select one of these radio buttons to determine if the embargo should target all locations except the ones you specify in the exclude section or specific FSACs or States. Selecting Target All Locations removes the options to specify Interchanges or a Geography Template.
- x. **Origin/Destination:** Use these fields to specify an origin and/or destination location (FSAC or State) for the embargo. Select the Bi-Directional checkbox to have the specified locations applied as both origin and destination. Use the available magnifying glass icons to look up FSACS or State abbreviations.  
 As necessary use the plus and trash can icons to add additional entry fields and specify multiple Origin/Destination pairs: +
- y. **Exclude These Locations:** Mark this checkbox to specify FSAC locations that should be excluded from the embargo. There are additional input fields here to specify origin and destination exceptions. Additionally, magnifying glass look icons are provided and a Bi-Directional checkbox is available.
- z. **Include These Interchanges:** The **Include These Interchanges** textbox allows you to define Interchange criteria that will be used when evaluating embargo traffic. At least one **Origin/Destination** location or one **Interchange** are required, however both can be

included. When using a combination of **Origin/Destination** locations and interchanges, the **AND/OR** option can be used to further define impacted traffic.

The OR option means that when waybills are compared against the embargo. The route will be considered along with the Origin and/or Destination. If the waybill route indicates the specified interchange, or the Origin or the Destination, the waybill will be stopped by this embargo.

The AND means a waybill must contain the Origin/Destination as specified on the embargo and must contain the Interchange in its route in order to be stopped by the embargo.

- aa. **Choose a Geography Template:** If you want to create an embargo based on an established geography template, select one listed in the drop-down window. A geography template allows you to include locations related to other embargoes.

Select **Create a Geography Template** to initiate the process of creating a geography template (see [Creating Geographic Templates](#)).

- bb. **Target Select Umler Equipment Types /Target All Umler Equipment Types /Target Select Umler Equipment Type Groups / Target Select Equipment Type Groups / Target Select Intermodal / Target Select Umler Field/Status:** Select one of these radio buttons within the below field to determine if the embargo should include specific Umler equipment types, all Umler equipment types, or specific Umler equipment type groups.

- If you select **Target Select Umler Equipment Types**, an input box appears allowing you to specify the Umler equipment types to include (see [Exhibit 10](#)).

**Exhibit 10. Issue Embargo–Include These Umler Equipment Types**

The screenshot shows a form titled "Equipment". It contains three radio button options: "Target Select UMLER Equipment Types" (which is selected), "Target All UMLER Equipment Types", and "Target Select UMLER Field/Status". Below these options is a text input field with the placeholder text "Include These UMLER Equipment Types". A magnifying glass icon is located at the bottom right of the input field.

Select the magnifying glass to display the Equipment Type Lookup pop-up box to help your search.

- If you select **Target Select Equipment Type Groups**, you can then select the specific listed equipment type groups to include by clicking the boxes for the groups you want to select (see [Exhibit 11](#)).

**Exhibit 11. Issue Embargo–Target Select Equipment Type Groups**

**Equipment**

Target Select UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target All UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target Select UMLER Equipment Type Groups

Target Select UMLER Field/Status

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**Include These Umler Equipment Type Groups**

<input type="checkbox"/> A - Equipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> F - Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> K - Equipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> Q - Lower Profile Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> U - Intermodal Containers
<input type="checkbox"/> B - Unequipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> G - Unequipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> L - Special Types	<input type="checkbox"/> R - Refrigerator/RBL's	<input type="checkbox"/> V - Automobile Multi-levels
<input type="checkbox"/> C - Covered Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> H - Unequipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> P - Conventional Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> S - Stack Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> Z - Intermodal Trailers
<input type="checkbox"/> E - Equipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> J - Gondola GT		<input type="checkbox"/> T - Tanks	

- If you select **Target Select Umler Field/Status**, you can select the specific listed Umler Element. See [Exhibit 12](#).

**Exhibit 12. Issue Embargo–Target Select Umler Field/Status**

**Equipment**

Target Select UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target All UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target Select UMLER Equipment Type Groups

Target Select UMLER Field/Status

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UMLER Element Name	Code	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Refrigeration Emission Standard For Box Cars	B345	Not Qualified
<input type="checkbox"/> TC-PD-34 System Generated for Tank Cars	B527	Restricted

You can also specify the status of the element (not qualified, qualified, or ultra-qualified).

- cc. **Total Weight on Rail:** By default, the drop-down indicates no weight restrictions. If you need to specify a weight restriction, use the drop-down to select Equal to or Greater than. Additional fields appear allowing you to specify a weight quantity, checkboxes allowing you to specify weight conditions (Gross Weight, Net Weight, etc.). An additional input field labeled “Except These Cars” allows you to indicate if certain cars should be exempt from the weight restriction. See [Exhibit 13](#).

Exhibit 13. Issue Embargo–Total Weight on Rail

The screenshot shows the 'Equipment Characteristics' section of a form. At the top, there is a checkbox labeled 'Add Equipment Axle Count & Length Conditions to Restrict Movement'. Below this is a field for 'Total Weight on Rail' with a dropdown menu set to 'Greater than or equal to' and another dropdown menu for quantity set to '- Select a Quantity -', followed by 'lbs.'. Underneath, the 'Weight Conditions Used to Restrict Movement:' section has four checked checkboxes: 'Gross Weight', 'Net Weight', 'Estimated Weight', and 'UMLER Total Weight On Rail'. Below these is a text area for 'Except These Cars' with a vertical ellipsis icon. To the right, there are 'Examples:' listed as 'UP10000 for a single car' and 'UP10000-10020 for range', followed by the note 'All other formats are invalid' and 'Multiple cars must be separated by commas'.

dd. **Clearance Code:** Select a listed clearance code from the available drop-down, if needed (see [Exhibit 14](#)).

Exhibit 14. Issue Embargo–Clearance Code

The screenshot shows a dropdown menu titled 'Clearance Code'. The top option is '- No Clearance Codes -'. Below it are five options: 'Plate A - and above', 'Plate B - and above', 'Plate C - and above', 'Plate D - and above', and 'Plate E - and above'. A mouse cursor is pointing at the right side of the dropdown.

ee. **Target Select / All Waybill Parties:** Select the **Target Select Waybill Parties** option if you want the embargo restricted to specified patrons (see [Exhibit 15](#)). When **Target Select Waybill Parties** is selected, choose to include or exclude waybills with missing waybill parties (waybills missing one or more CIFs).

When **Target All Waybill Parties** is selected, an exception option appears, allowing you to embargo all waybill parties except certain specified parties.

When **Include waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)** is selected, an additional set of radio buttons are required to either **Include City and State validation** or **Exclude City and State validation**.

Exhibit 15. Issue Embargo–Waybill Parties

The screenshot shows the 'Waybill Parties' section of a form. It features three radio button options: 'Target Select Waybill Parties' (selected), 'Target All Waybill Parties', and 'Include waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)' (selected). Below these are two more radio button options: 'Include City and State validation' (selected) and 'Exclude City and State validation'. Underneath is a field 'Include Any' with a dropdown arrow, followed by 'of These Waybill Parties:'. At the bottom, there is a search bar for 'CIF' and a row of checkboxes: '+', a trash icon, 'Shipper', 'Consignee', 'Care of party', 'Ship From', and 'Pick Up'.



Specify the type of waybill party (shipper, consignee, care of party, ship from, or pick up) then enter the specific **CIF** for that patron in the available field. Use the plus or trash can icons to add or remove additional waybill parties.

Select to include **Any** or **All** CIFs listed.

3. Select **Issue Embargo**. If there are any errors, the system will provide message prompts at the top and point you to where changes are needed until all entries are valid. Once you've made changes, select **Issue Embargo** again. Once all your entries are valid, a message appears at the top of the page asking you to confirm your decision to issue the embargo (see [Exhibit 16](#)).

**Exhibit 16. Are you sure you wish to issue this embargo?**



Are you sure you wish to issue this embargo? Press Issue Embargo to continue or press Edit to go back and make additional changes.

4. Select **Issue Embargo** to proceed or select **Edit** to make edits to the embargo prior to issuing it.

When issued, a second message is displayed informing you that the embargo has been successfully issued and an embargo number is assigned.

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**Note:** An **embargo number** is a 10-character, system-generated identifier that consists of the following components:

- Issuing railroad road mark (or AAR).
- 4-digit sequence number starting with 0001. The sequence number is reset to 0001 at the beginning of a new year.
- 2 digits for year.

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BNSF011102 is an example of a non-level 4 embargo number.

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Once approved, the Embargo becomes effective at midnight 48 hours later (see [Exhibit 17](#)).

**Exhibit 17. You have successfully issued an embargo**



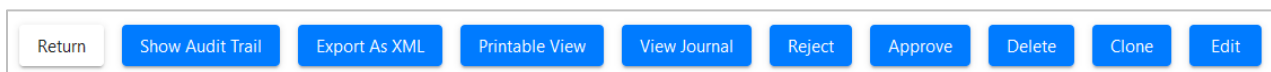
You have successfully issued an embargo - Once approved by the AAR, your Embargo will become effective on the specified effective date.

If errors are found, then they must be corrected before the embargo can be issued. Errors appear at the top of the Issue Embargo page.

**Note:** At any time in the creation of an embargo you can select **Save Draft** to save your work in progress. See [Viewing and Completing Draft Embargoes](#) for information on how to resume work on a saved draft embargo.

5. Perform one of the following additional steps based on the available action buttons (see [Exhibit 18](#)):

**Exhibit 18. Issue Embargo–Action Buttons**



- m. Select **Edit** to edit the embargo (see [Editing Embargoes](#)).
- n. Select **Clone** to create a new embargo that closely resembles the one you just created (see [Cloning Embargoes](#)).
- o. Select **Delete** to delete embargo (see [Deleting Embargoes](#)).
- p. Select **Approve** to approve the embargo (see [Approving Embargoes](#)).
- q. Select **Reject** to reject the embargo (see [Rejecting Embargoes](#)).
- r. Select **View Journal** to view journal information or to create an entry in the journal for the embargo (see [Viewing and Creating Embargo Journal Entries](#)).
- s. Select **Printable View** to display a printable version of the created embargo.
- t. Select **Export as XML** to export the displayed embargo in XML format (see [Exporting Embargoes as XML](#)).
- u. Select **Show Audit Trail** to view historical details of the embargo (see [Viewing the Audit Trail from Embargoes Search](#)).
- v. Select **Return** to return to the previously displayed page.

## Searching and Viewing Embargoes

Use the following procedure to search for and view embargoes. Options for working with displayed embargoes vary depending on your level of assigned access.

1. Select **Embargoes > Search Embargoes**. The Search Embargoes page is displayed (see [Exhibit 19](#)).

**Exhibit 19. Search Embargoes**

The screenshot shows the 'Search Embargoes' interface. At the top, there is a toggle for 'Advanced Search' which is currently turned off. Below this, there are four search criteria: 'Embargo No', 'Issuing Road', 'Created By', and 'State/Province'. The 'State/Province' dropdown menu is currently set to 'Any State/Province'. Below the search criteria, there is a 'Status' section with several checkboxes: 'All', 'Amended', 'Cancelled', 'Approved/Effective' (which is checked), 'Expired', and 'Re-issued'. At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Search'.

2. Enter a specific Embargo Number, the road mark of the issuing company (select the magnifying glass icon to look up road marks), Created By, and/or select a State/Province. Optionally, select one or more of the available Embargo Status indicators (All, Amended, Cancelled, Approved/Effective (default), Expired, or Re-issued).

**Note:** See [Searching Embargoes – Advanced Search](#) on for information on how to perform a search with additional options.

3. Complete the available input fields:

Field	Description
<b>Embargo No.</b>	<p>An <b>embargo number</b> is 10 characters in length and consists of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Issuing railroad road mark</li><li>▪ 4-digit sequence number starting with 0001. The sequence number is reset to 0001 at the beginning of each new year.</li><li>▪ 2 digits for the last two numbers of the year.</li></ul> <p>Here is an example of an embargo number: BNSF012315</p>
<b>Issuing Road</b>	Road mark that issued the embargo. Enter the road mark or use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to the text box.
<b>Created By</b>	Single Sign-On User ID of the creator of the embargo.
<b>State/Province</b>	State/province affected by the embargo. From the drop down, choose a state/province.
<b>Status</b>	<p><b>All</b> – by checking this box, all embargoes that have been created and handled by the AAR Embargo Admin are returned regardless of their status.</p> <p><b>Amended</b> – by checking this box, only approved and amended embargoes are returned.</p> <p><b>Cancelled</b> – by checking this box, only embargoes approved and later cancelled by the road are returned.</p> <p><b>Approved/Effective</b> – by checking this box (default), only approved and effective embargoes are returned.</p> <p><b>Expired</b> – by checking this box, only embargoes that were approved and have expired are returned.</p> <p><b>Re-issued</b> – by checking this box, only embargoes that were approved, expired, and then reissued are returned.</p>

4. Select **Search**. The results of the specified search are displayed (max 500 records). See [Exhibit 20](#).

**Note:** Level 4 embargoes are highlighted in yellow. For level 4 embargoes, only registered users with the proper assigned rights can see the full details of the embargo.

Exhibit 20. Search Embargo Results

**Search Embargo Results**

Embargoes that are highlighted in yellow are AAR Security Level 4 Embargoes. Number of Embargo(es): 116

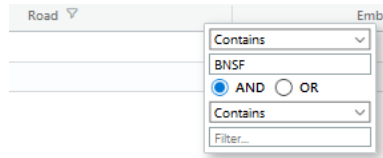
Issuing Road	Embarg...	Request ...	Allow Pe...	Status	Cancelled ...	Roads Invited to Pa...	Cause	Commodity	Origin	Destination	State/Pro...	Patrons
AO	<a href="#">AO000119</a>	07/31/2020	NO	Effect...			Bridge out of service	All	AO-70448	Any	WV	All
AO	<a href="#">AO000219</a>	07/31/2020	NO	Effect...			Other - specify	All	AO-70539...	Any	WV	All
AWRR	<a href="#">AWRR00...</a>	01/08/2021	NO	Effect...		UP, BNSF	Congestions/Accum...	All	Any, +	BNSF-3949...	TX, +	019396999...
BNSF	<a href="#">BNSF000...</a>	03/17/2021	NO	Effect...		UP	Bridge out of service	All	IL	Any	IL	All
BNSF	<a href="#">BNSF000...</a>	02/18/2021	NO	Effect...			Prevent Congestion/...	0119920	Any	BNSF-01855	WA	All
BNSF	<a href="#">BNSF007...</a>	09/08/2020	NO	Effect...		UP, CWA	Bridge out of service	All	Any, +	UP-07465, +	WA, +	All
BRC	<a href="#">BRC0003...</a>	06/14/2021	YES	Effect...			Congestions/Accum...	All	Any	BRC-00026	IL	623454485...
BRC	<a href="#">BRC0004...</a>	06/14/2021	YES	Effect...			Congestions/Accum...	All	Any	BRC-00026	IL	808957229...
BRC	<a href="#">BRC0001...</a>	06/08/2021	YES	Effect...		UP, CSXT, NS, GNW...	Congestions/Accum...	All	Any	BRC-00001	IL	080206652...
BRC	<a href="#">BRC0002...</a>	06/08/2021	YES	Effect...		NS, GNWR, CPRS, K...	Congestions/Accum...	4211299	Any	BRC-00001	IL	080206652...

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- Select the column header to sort the column in descending or ascending order. Arrow up is descending, and arrow down is ascending.
- To adjust column width, hover over the line between the columns until you see double vertical lines with an arrow on either side and move it to the left or right to desired width:



- To filter on a column, hover over a column header and select the three lines to the right of the column header and use the drop-down list to select how you want to filter on the content and enter your filter criteria. Select the **Clear Filters** button to clear all filters.



- Select the Download icon to open or save your search results in a spreadsheet.
- When there are two or more pages of results, use the arrows in the bottom right to page through all the results.
- Select the embargo number of a displayed record to view its full details. The Embargo Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 21](#)).

Exhibit 21. Embargo Details

### Embargo Details

**General Embargo Information**

Embargo No: BNSF001123

Request Date: 02-08-2023      Expiration Date: 02-08-2024      Effective Immediately: No

Status: Cancelled      Issuing Road: BNSF - BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY

Allow Permits: Yes      Allow Admin Issued Permits: Yes      Bypass Local Waybills: No

Effective Date: 02-11-2023

Include Empty Revenue Cars: No      Include All Empty Cars: No      Min Car Allowed:      Max Car Allowed:

Embargo Contact Email:  
@railinc.com

Cancelled by: Brittney Kizer      Cancelled Date: 03-08-2023

Roads Invited to Participate:

**Cause**

Cause: Track Conditions  
Cause Detail: Track out of service

**Notes**

Please reach out to our Customer Support for any questions on this embargo.

**Commodity**

Target All Commodities

**Geography**

Include These Locations:

ORIGIN				Bi-Directional	DESTINATION			
Roadmark	FSAC	Station Name	State/Province	N	Roadmark	FSAC	Station Name	State/Province
	x				BNSF	00003	CHICAGO EXP	IL

**Equipment**

UMLER Equipment Types: Target All UMLER Equipment Types

Total Weight on Rail: No Weight Restrictions

Clearance Code: No Clearance Code

**Waybill Parties**

Exclude waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)

Include Any of These Waybill Parties:

CIF	Patron Name	Address	City	State/Prov.	Patron Type
0052075350000	EAGLE HAIR CO		CHICAGO	IL	Shipper, Consignee

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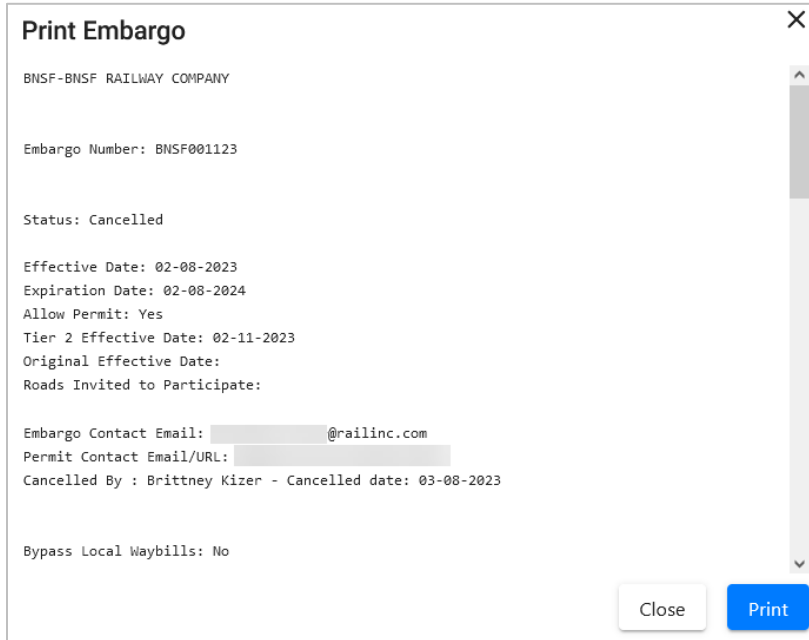
Return
Show Audit Trail
Export As XML
Printable View
View Journal
Resend XML
Clone
Clone OPSL Note

11. From the Embargo Details page, perform one of the following actions:

- a. Select **Clone** to create a new embargo that closely resembles the one you are viewing (see [Cloning Embargoes](#)).

- b. Select **Clone OPSL Note** to clone the OPSL Notes applied to the displayed embargo record (see [Cloning OPSL Notes](#)).
- c. Select **Printable View** to display a printable version of the embargo (see [Exhibit 22](#)).

### Exhibit 22. Print Embargo



**Print Embargo**

BNSF-BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY

Embargo Number: BNSF001123

Status: Cancelled

Effective Date: 02-08-2023  
Expiration Date: 02-08-2024  
Allow Permit: Yes  
Tier 2 Effective Date: 02-11-2023  
Original Effective Date:  
Roads Invited to Participate:

Embargo Contact Email: [redacted]@railinc.com  
Permit Contact Email/URL: [redacted]  
Cancelled By : Brittney Kizer - Cancelled date: 03-08-2023

Bypass Local Waybills: No

Close Print

Select **Print** to print out the displayed embargo or select **Close** to cancel the printing.

**Note:** You may need to scroll to the bottom of the page to see the Print and Close buttons.

- d. Select **Export As XML** to export the displayed embargo in XML format. See [Exporting Embargoes as XML](#).
  - e. Select **Amend** to issue an amendment to the displayed embargo. See [Amending Embargoes](#).
- Note:** If the displayed embargo already has existing amendments, you can select the hyperlink of an amendment number to view that version of the embargo.
- f. Select **Cancel** to cancel the embargo. See [Cancelling Embargoes](#).
  - g. Select **Request Permit** to request a permit for the embargo. See [Requesting Embargo Permits](#).
  - h. Select **Admin Issue Permit** to issue an embargo permit as an administrator. See [Administering Embargo Permit Creation](#).
- Note:** This function is only available to administrators.
- i. Select **Show Audit Trail** to view a history of the displayed embargo record. See [Searching Audit Logs from the Tools Menu](#).

- j. Select **View Journal** to display any journal entry associated with the embargo. See [Viewing and Creating Embargo Journal Entries](#).
- k. Select **Return** to return to the Search Embargo Results page. You can also use the back arrow in the browser to return to your search results.
- l. **Operating Station Notice Details:** [Exhibit 23](#) is an example of the Operating Station Notice Details screen. Operation Station Notice Details can be found by using the Advanced Search ([Searching Embargoes – Advanced Search](#)) and selecting **Yes** for **Op Station Notice** and the **Search** button. An operating station notice is informational only; no waybills are matched or EDI 824s issued.

**Exhibit 23. Operating Station Notice**

**Operating Station Notice Details**

**General Embargo Information**

Embargo No: CN001609  
 Request Date: 09-28-2009      Expiration Date: 09-28-2010      Effective Immediately: Yes  
 Status: Expired      Issuing Road: CN - CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS  
 Allow Permits: No      Allow Admin Issued Permits: No      Bypass Local Waybills: Yes  
 Effective Date: 09-28-2009  
 Include Empty Revenue Cars: No      Include All Empty Cars: No      Min Car Allowed:      Max Car Allowed:  
 Embargo Contact Email:  
 Roads Invited to Participate:

**Cause**

Cause: Other - specify  
 Cause Detail: Application to ALL bi-level and tri-level autocarriers. "Due to safety concerns, CN will no longer accept in interchange multilevel equipment loaded in the following configurations: -Bilevels - A deck empty, B deck loaded -Trilevels - A deck empty, B and/

**Commodity**

Target All Commodities

**Geography**

Interchanges: (Via Interchange junctions)

Origin Road	Interchange	Destination Road
*	BUFF - BUFFALO, NY	CN
*	CHGO - CHICAGO, IL	CN
*	DET - DETROIT, MI	CN
*	HUNT - HUNTINGDON, PQ	CN
*	MEMPH - MEMPHIS, TN	CN
*	TOLED - TOLEDO, OH	CN

**Equipment**

UMLER Equipment Types: Include These Umler Equipment Type Groups

- V - Automobile Multi-levels

Total Weight on Rail: No Weight Restrictions  
 Clearance Code: No Clearance Code

**Waybill Parties**

Target All Waybill Parties

## Searching Embargoes – Advanced Search

Use the following procedure to search and view Embargoes using advanced search options to narrow the parameters of the search:



## Working with Embargoes

1. Select **Embargoes > Search Embargoes**. The Embargoes Search page is displayed. Select the toggle button next to **Advanced Search** in the top right corner to reveal additional search options (see [Exhibit 24](#)).

**Note:** Select the toggle button again to return to the Simple Search and hide the advanced search fields.

**Exhibit 24. Search Embargoes – Advanced Search**

2. Complete the available input fields:

Field	Description
<b>Embargo No.</b>	<p>An <b>embargo number</b> is 10 characters in length and consists of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issuing railroad road mark</li> <li>▪ 4-digit sequence number starting with 0001. The sequence number is reset to 0001 at the beginning of each new year.</li> <li>▪ 2-digits for the last two numbers of the year.</li> </ul> <p>Here is an example of an embargo number: BNSF012315</p>
<b>Issuing Road</b>	<p>Road mark that issued the embargo. Enter the road mark or use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to the text box.</p>

<b>Field</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Effective Date Range</b>	Use the calendar tools to specify a start and end date to filter for the Effective Start Date listed in the embargo.
<b>Exclude Target All Results for Criteria</b>	Select one or more sections of the embargo to remove Target All results from appearing in the search. For example, selecting Commodity may still include one or more commodities, but will not include any embargoes that target all commodities (where All appears in the Commodity column).
<b>Permit Number</b>	Permit numbers are 10 characters in length and consist of a randomly generated combination of letters and numbers (for example, A887659944).
<b>AAR Security Level 4 Embargoes Only</b>	Check this to only see Level 4 embargoes.
<b>Participating Roads Added Stations</b>	Select <b>Yes</b> to show in the search results any embargo where the participating road has added a station to the embargo.  Select <b>No</b> to show in the search results any embargo where the participating road has not added stations to the embargo.  Select <b>Both</b> to show in the search results any embargo where the participating road has or has not added stations to the embargo.
<b>Created by</b>	Single Sign-On User ID of the creator of the embargo.
<b>Cause</b>	Choose a specific cause from the drop-down list.
<b>Participating Road</b>	Road invited to participate in the issued embargo.
<b>Status</b>	Check the appropriate box (All, Amended, Cancelled, Approved/Effective, Expired, or Re-issued).
<b>Commodity</b>	Enter up to three specific STCC's, or use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to the text box.
<b>Waybill Parties</b>	Enter the specific CIF Numbers (all 13 characters) or use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to the text box.

Field	Description
<b>Umler Equipment Type Code</b>	<p>Choose one of these options:</p> <p><b>All Equipment Type Codes</b> – Include all equipment types.</p> <p><b>Select Equipment Type Codes</b> - Enter standard Umler Equipment Type Codes or use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to the text box.</p> <p><b>Equipment Type Groups</b> – Select the checkboxes for the equipment types that you want to include.</p>
<b>Geography</b>	<p>Choose one of these options:</p> <p><b>All FSAC and States</b> – Include all geographic locations.</p> <p><b>FSAC</b> – Choosing this option displays text boxes with the ability to enter up to three specific FSACs. Use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to each text box.</p> <p><b>State/Province</b> – Choosing this option displays a drop down with the ability to select a specific state/province.</p> <p><b>Interchange</b> – Choosing this option displays text boxes that enable you to search for up to three specific interchanges. Use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to each text box. Enter an asterisk (*) as a wildcard for either the origin or destination of the Junction Code.</p>
<b>Operating (Op) Station Notice</b>	<p>Choose whether to include operating station notices in your search results (Yes, No, or Both). The ‘Both’ option displays results for both operating station notices and regular embargoes.</p>

3. Select **Search**. The results of the specified search are displayed (max 500 records).

**Note:** Level 4 embargoes are highlighted in yellow. For level 4 embargoes, only registered users with the proper assigned rights can see the full details of the embargo.

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## Viewing Pending Embargoes

Pending embargoes are embargoes that have been submitted, but not yet approved. Use the following procedure to view pending embargoes:

1. Select **Embargoes > View Pending Embargoes**. The View Pending Embargoes page is displayed.
2. In the Status Filter drop-down, ensure **Pending** is selected. A list of embargoes in pending status is displayed (see [Exhibit 25](#)).

Exhibit 25. View Pending Embargoes

**View Pending Embargoes**

Status Filter  
Pending Number of Pending Embargo(es): 12 [Clear Filters](#)

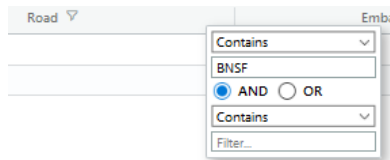
Road	Embargo Number	Issue Date	Last Modified Time	Status
CSXT	<a href="#">CSXT000320</a>	09/01/2020	15:37:49	Pending
BNSF	<a href="#">BNSF000420</a>	09/23/2020	09:46:57	Pending
UP	<a href="#">UP000920</a>	04/06/2020	15:56:39	Pending
CALA	<a href="#">CALA002420</a>	09/21/2020	09:26:37	Pending Reissue
CALA	<a href="#">CALA001220</a>	02/16/2020	11:15:51	Pending
FXE	<a href="#">FXE000420</a>	09/02/2020	10:47:53	Pending Amend
UP	<a href="#">UP000720</a>	04/06/2020	15:46:44	Pending
UP	<a href="#">UP000820</a>	04/06/2020	15:55:23	Pending
CPRS	<a href="#">CPRS000320</a>	04/16/2020	14:21:42	Pending
CALA	<a href="#">CALA001520</a>	04/06/2020	15:46:55	Pending
KCS	<a href="#">KCS000120</a>	02/11/2020	13:14:53	Pending Amend
CALA	<a href="#">CALA001420</a>	04/02/2020	14:39:47	Pending

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- Select the column header to sort the column in descending or ascending order. Arrow up is descending and arrow down is ascending.
- To adjust column width, hover over the line between the columns until you see double vertical lines with an arrow on either side and move it to the left or right to desired width:



- To filter on a column, hover over a column header and select the three lines ≡ to the right of the column header and use the drop-down list to select how you want to filter on the content and enter your filter criteria. Select the **Clear Filters** button to clear all filters.



- When there are two or more pages of results, use the arrows in the bottom right to page through all the results.
- Select the **Embargo Number** link of the pending embargo that you want to view. The Embargo Details page is displayed showing the details of the pending embargo.

## Cloning Embargoes

Use the following procedure to clone an embargo from an existing embargo. The new issued embargo is assigned a new embargo number, appears in **Pending** status, and is forwarded for approval.

1. Select **Embargoes > View Pending Embargoes**. The Pending Embargo List page is displayed.

**Note:** You can also clone an embargo by selecting the available **Clone** button that is displayed after an embargo has been created or from embargoes with other statuses, such as **Draft**.

2. Select the Embargo Number of the listed embargo that you want to clone. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select the **Clone** button. The Issue Embargo page is displayed with input fields pre-filled to match the selected embargo. The Embargo Number is blank, the Request Date is the current date, the Expiration Date is a year from the request date, and the Status is **New**. All other data are Cloned.
4. Complete or modify the available input fields (see [Issuing Embargoes](#) for additional information). Select the **Issue Embargo** button when complete.

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## Exporting Embargoes as XML

You can export an embargo as an XML file that can then be used in another system.

Use the following procedure to export an embargo as XML:

1. Select **Embargoes > Search Embargoes** to perform a search for the active embargo that you want to export as XML. The Search Embargo Results page is displayed.
2. Select the Embargo Number of the embargo that you want to export as XML. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select **Export as XML**. A pop-up box is displayed asking if you want to save or open the file.
4. Select the application that you want to use to open the XML file or browse to the location where you want to save the output file.

## Editing Embargoes

Use the following procedure to edit an embargo that is in **Pending** or **Draft** status:

1. Select **Embargoes > View Pending Embargoes**. The Pending Embargo List page is displayed.
2. Select the Embargo Number of the embargo that you want to edit. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select **Edit**. The embargo fields are opened for edits.
4. Complete any required edits. For embargoes in **Pending** status, select **Save Embargo**. For embargoes in **Draft** status, select either **Save Draft** or **Issue Embargo**.

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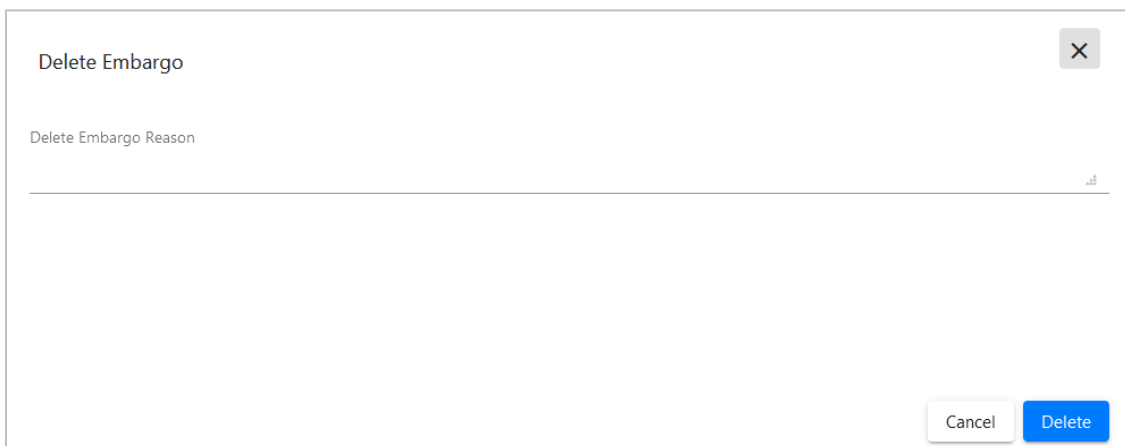
## Deleting Embargoes

**Note:** Only Railinc Administrators have access to this function.

Use the following procedure to delete an embargo that is in **Pending** or **Draft** status:

1. Select **Embargoes > View Pending Embargoes**. The Pending Embargo List page is displayed. Use the drop-down to select draft or pending embargoes.
2. Select the **Embargo Number** link of the embargo that you want to delete. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select **Delete**. A pop-up message is displayed asking you to specify the reason for deleting the embargo (see [Exhibit 26](#)).

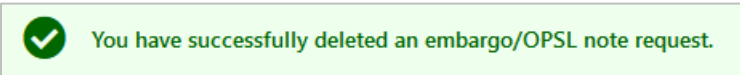
**Exhibit 26. Delete Embargo Reason Pop-up**



The screenshot shows a modal dialog box titled "Delete Embargo" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a text input field labeled "Delete Embargo Reason". At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Delete".

4. Enter a reason for deleting the embargo. Select **Delete**. A message is displayed informing you that the embargo has been deleted (see [Exhibit 27](#)).

*Exhibit 27. Successfully Deleted Message*



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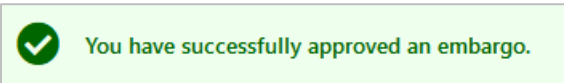
## Approving Embargoes

**Note:** Only Railinc Administrators have access to this function.

Use the following procedure to approve an embargo that is in **Pending** status:

1. Select **Embargoes > View Pending Embargoes**. The Pending Embargo List page is displayed. Use the drop-down to select **Draft** or **Pending** embargoes.
2. Select the Embargo Number of the embargo that you want to approve. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select **Approve**. A message is displayed informing you that the embargo has been approved (see [Exhibit 28](#)).

*Exhibit 28. Successfully Approved Message*



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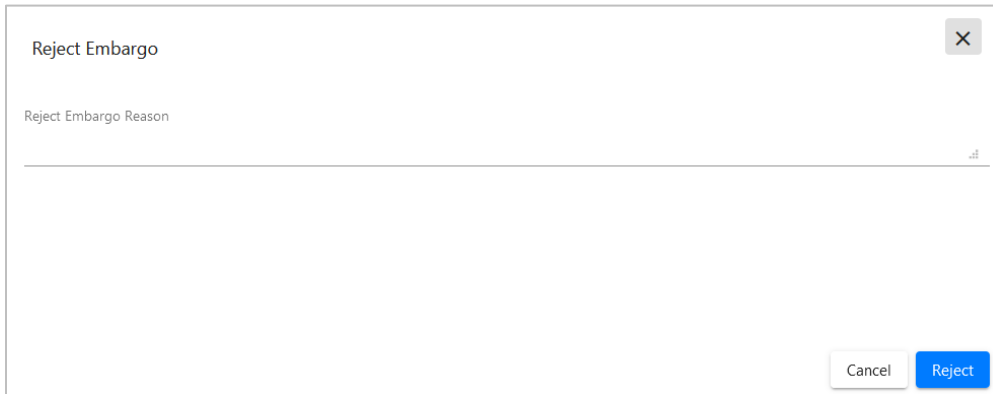
## Rejecting Embargoes

**Note:** Only Railinc Administrators have access to this function.

Use the following procedure to reject an embargo that is in **Pending** status:

1. Select **Embargoes > View Pending Embargoes**. The Pending Embargo List page is displayed. Use the drop-down to select a **Pending** embargo.
2. Select the Embargo Number of the embargo that you want to reject. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select the **Reject** button. A pop-up box is displayed asking for you to explain the reason for the rejection (see [Exhibit 29](#)).

**Exhibit 29. Reject Embargo Reason Pop-up**



4. Enter a reason for the rejection and select the **Reject** button. A message is displayed informing you that the embargo has been rejected (see [Exhibit 30](#)).

**Exhibit 30. Successfully Rejected Message**



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## Viewing the Audit Trail from Embargoes Search

Embargo Officers can view the audit trail of an embargo and see the history of the embargo, including the ID that created the embargo and the dates, reasons, and types of any changes.

Use the following procedure to view the audit trail of an embargo from the embargoes search option:

**Note:** You can also search audit logs from the tool menu (see [Searching Audit Logs from the Tools Menu](#)).

1. Select **Embargoes > Search Embargoes**. The Search Embargoes page is displayed. Search for an embargo that you want to audit (see [Searching and Viewing Embargoes](#)).
2. Select the Embargo Number of the embargo that you want to audit. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select the **Show Audit Trail** button. The Search Audit Logs Results page is displayed (see [Exhibit 31](#)).



### Exhibit 31. Search Audit Log Results

**Search Audit Logs Results**

Number of Audit Log(s): 3

Change ma...	Change made on	Reason for change	Audit Log Type	Embargo No	Amendmen...	Audit Action	Road
CMORAL3S	01/13/2020 10:1...	Embargo request was approved by administrator.	Embargo Request	<a href="#">CALA000420</a>	0	Approve	RAIL
CMORAL3S	01/13/2020 10:1...	Embargo was created after approved by administrator.	Embargo	<a href="#">CALA000420</a>	0	Create	RAIL
CMORAL3S	01/13/2020 10:1...	Embargo request was created and submitted for approval.	Embargo Request	<a href="#">CALA000420</a>	0	Create	RAIL

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4. Select the column header to sort the column in descending or ascending order. Arrow up is descending and arrow down is ascending.
5. To adjust column width, hover over the line between the columns until you see double vertical lines with an arrow on either side and move it to the left or right to desired width.
6. When there are two or more pages of results, use the arrows in the bottom right to page through all the results.
7. To filter on a column, hover over a column header and select the three lines to the right of the column header and use the drop-down list to select how you want to filter on the content and enter your filter criteria. Select the **Clear Filters** button to clear all filters.
8. Perform one of the following steps:
  - a. Select a listed Embargo Number to view its details (see [Searching and Viewing Embargoes](#)).
  - b. Select **Return** to return to the Embargo Details page.
  - c. Select **Printable View** to view a print-ready version of the search results.

## Viewing and Creating Embargo Journal Entries

**Note:** This process is for Permit Officers.

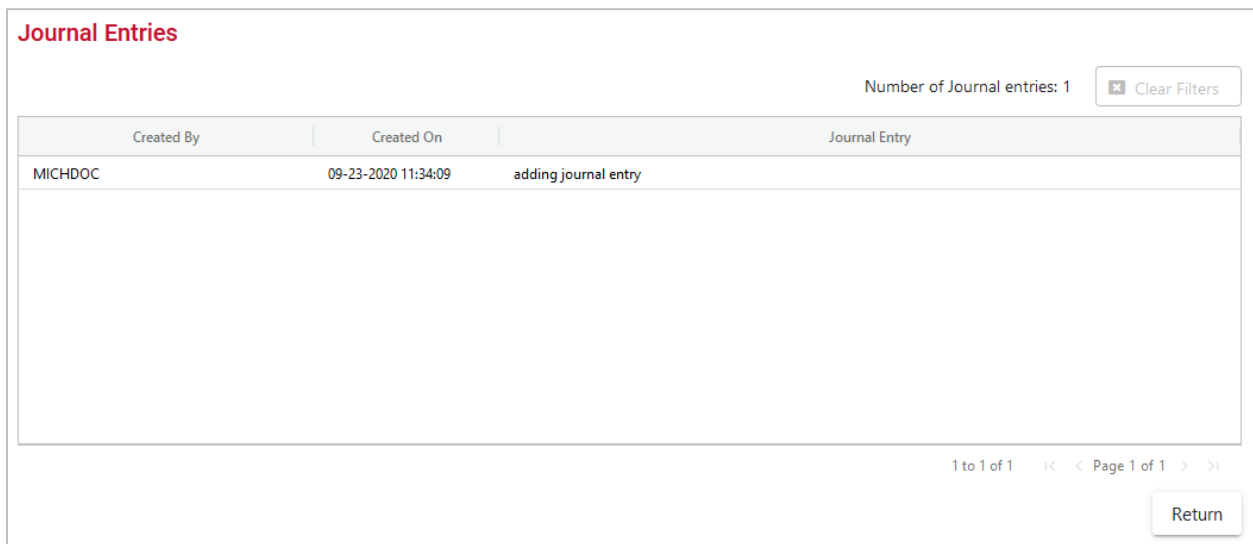
## Working with Embargoes

A journal entry is a free form text field that allows you to enter additional information about an embargo. You can only view journal entries for your own road.

Use the following procedure to view the journal and create a journal entry for an embargo:

1. Select **Embargoes > Search Embargoes**. The Search Embargoes page is displayed. Search for an embargo with a journal entry that you want to view, or search for an embargo for which you want to create a new journal entry.
2. Select the Embargo Number of the embargo with a journal entry that you want to view. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select the **View Journal** button. The Journal Entries page is displayed (see [Exhibit 32](#)).

### Exhibit 32. Journal Entries



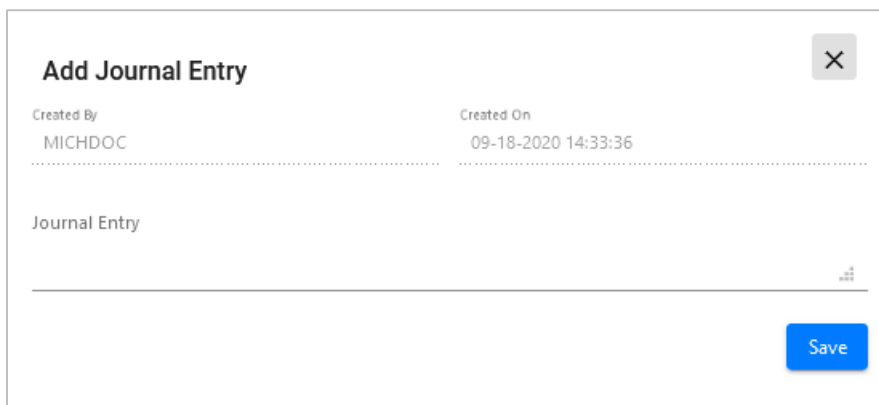
The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Journal Entries". At the top right, it indicates "Number of Journal entries: 1" and a "Clear Filters" button. Below this is a table with the following data:

Created By	Created On	Journal Entry
MICHDOC	09-23-2020 11:34:09	adding journal entry

At the bottom right of the table area, it shows "1 to 1 of 1" and "Page 1 of 1" with navigation arrows. A "Return" button is located at the bottom right of the page.

4. Select the **Add Journal Entry** button to add a new journal entry. A time stamped line is added to the journal allowing for input (see [Exhibit 33](#)).

### Exhibit 33. Add Journal Entry



The screenshot shows a form titled "Add Journal Entry" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The form contains the following fields:

- Created By:** MICHDOC
- Created On:** 09-18-2020 14:33:36
- Journal Entry:** A large text area for input.

A blue "Save" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

5. Complete the journal entry and select **Save**.

# Amending Embargoes

Use the following procedure to amend an effective embargo. The revised embargo is in **Pending** status and is forwarded for approval.

1. Select **Embargoes > Search Embargoes**. Perform a search for the effective embargo that you want to amend. The Search Embargo Results page is displayed.
2. Select the Embargo Number of the embargo that you want to amend. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select **Amend**. The Amend Embargo page is displayed with fields open for change (see [Exhibit 34](#)).

**Exhibit 34. Amend Embargo**

### Amend Embargo

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#### General Embargo Information

Embargo No: BNSF011522	<input type="checkbox"/> Op Station Notice	Status: Effective	Effective Date:
Amendment No.: 4			
Issuing Road: BNSF	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective Immediately	Request Date: 11-17-2022	Expiration Date: 11-17-2023
Allow Permits: Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allow Admin Issued Permits	Bypass Local Waybills: No	
Embargo Contact Email * [redacted]@bnsf.com	Permit Contact Email/Url		
<input type="checkbox"/> Include Empty Revenue Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> Include All Empty Cars	(Only for causes of Weather Conditions, Derailment, Bridge Out of Service, Catastrophic Event, Spontaneous Labor Action, Civil Activism, or Congestion/Accumulation.)	
Participating Roads	Notes to Participating Roads		
<input type="checkbox"/> Min Car Allowed		<input type="checkbox"/> Max Car Allowed	

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**Waybill Parties**

Target Select Waybill Parties
  Target All Waybill Parties

Except These Waybill Parties:

Shipper
  Consignee
  Care of party
  Ship From
  Pick Up

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**Current Amendment Reason**

Amendment Reason \*

- No Amendment Reason -

Amendment Detail

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**Amendment History**

Amendment No.	Amendment Date/Ti...	Amendment Reason	Amendment Reason Detail	Roadmark	Officer
3	12/21/2022 11:16:42	Other-Specify	Updated cause note.	BNSF	B162886
2	12/21/2022 10:12:50	Other-Specify	Removed CIF and expanded to all automotive customers.	BNSF	B162886
1	11/18/2022 08:44:18	Remove CIF Customer		BNSF	B162886
0	11/17/2022 17:13:51			BNSF	B162886

- Complete or modify the available input fields (see [Issuing Embargoes](#) on for additional information).

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**Note:** Deselecting the **Allow Admin Issued Permits** checkbox when **Allow Permits** is “No” will cancel all active permits for this Embargo.

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- Use the Current Amendment Reason drop-down (see [Exhibit 35](#)) to select a suitable reason for the amendment. Use the free-form input field to elaborate the reason.

**Exhibit 35. Current Amendment Reason**

**Current Amendment Reason**

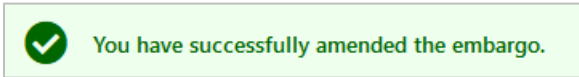
Amendment Reason \*

- No Amendment Reason -

- Select **Issue Amendment** when complete. If the amended embargo passes all business rules, a message is displayed informing you that the embargo has been successfully amended (see [Exhibit 36](#)). This confirmation is sent out to all addresses that have been set up in a subscription list. A new amendment number is assigned to the embargo by the system. A revision of the embargo is created in **Pending** status and is sent for approval.

## Working with Embargoes

### Exhibit 36. Successfully Amended Message



The submitted amendment reason appears at the bottom of the page in Amendment History (see [Exhibit 37](#)).

### Exhibit 37. Amendment Reason



Amendment History					
Amendment No.	Amendment Dat...	Amendment Reason	Amendment Reason Detail	Roadmark	Officer
1	01/08/2021 08:44:...	Add/Remove Stations by Participant		BNSF	B009919

## Removing Geographic Locations from Embargoes

Use the following procedure to remove geographic locations from an embargo:

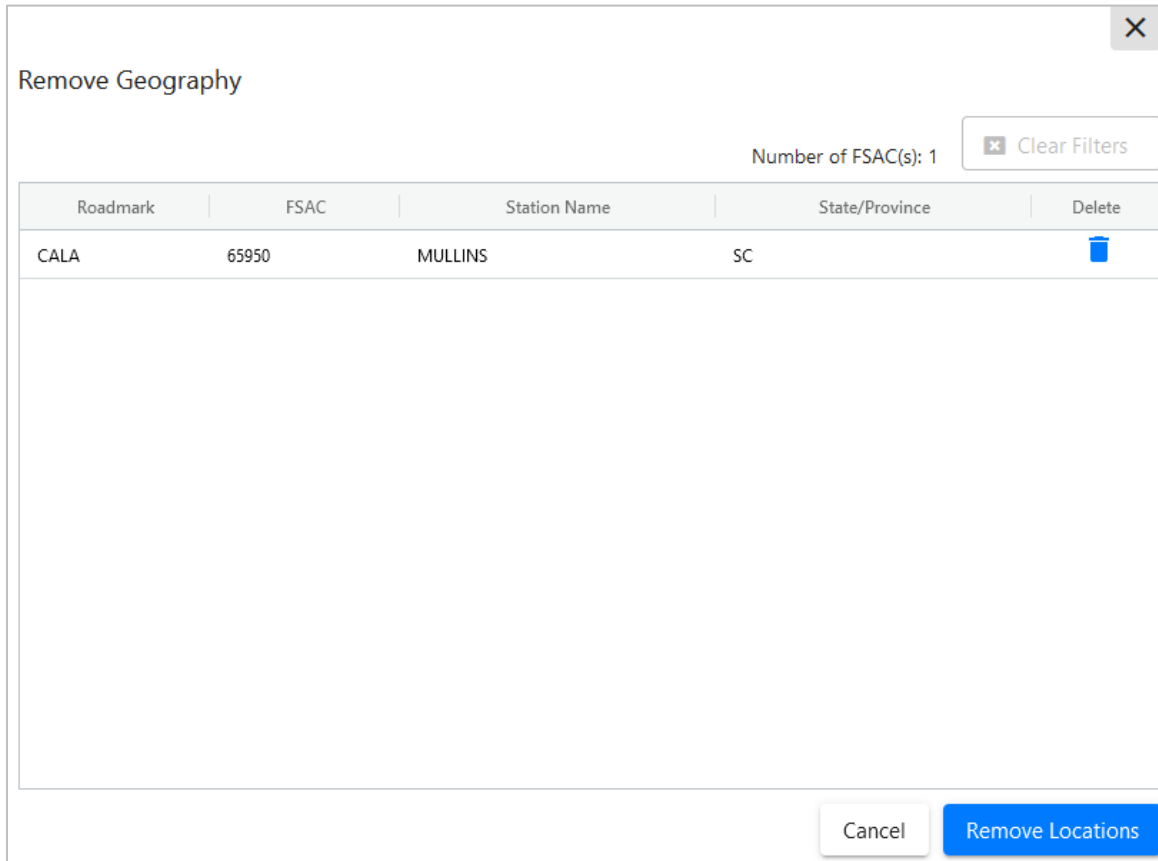
1. Select that you want to amend an embargo (see [Amending Embargoes](#)).
2. In the Geography section of the Amend Embargo page, select the corresponding magnifying glass with a minus sign on it next to the locations that you want removed (see [Exhibit 38](#)).

### Exhibit 38. Magnifying Glass to Remove Stations

Origin		Destination	
FSAC ▾	CALA-65950	<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Directional	FSAC ▾
			

The Remove Geography page is displayed (see [Exhibit 39](#)).

Exhibit 39. Remove Geography



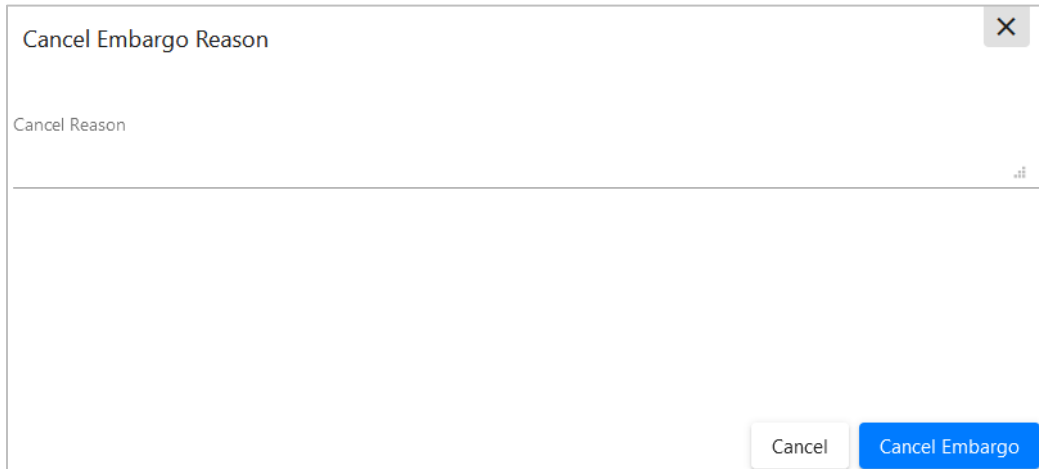
3. Select the trash can icon next to the location you want removed.
4. Confirm your choice to remove any selected locations by selecting the **Remove Locations** button. The Embargo page is redisplayed with the indicated locations removed. Select **Cancel** if you want to cancel the removal process.

## Cancelling Embargoes

Use the following procedure to cancel an embargo.

1. Select **Embargoes > Search Embargoes**. Perform a search for the effective embargo that you want to cancel. The Search Embargo Results page is displayed.
2. Select the Embargo Number of the embargo that you want to cancel. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select the **Cancel** button. The Cancel Embargo Reason pop-up box appears (see [Exhibit 40](#)).

### Exhibit 40. Cancel Embargo Reason



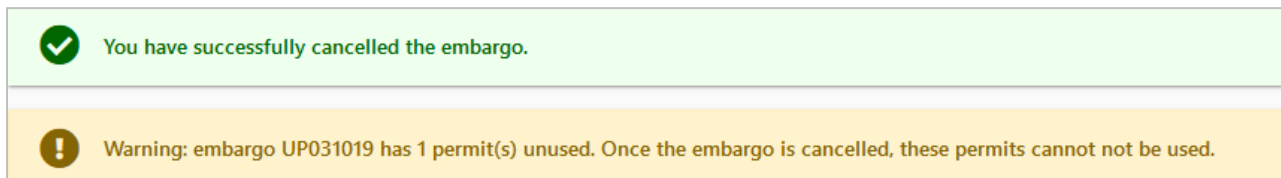
Cancel Embargo Reason

Cancel Reason

Cancel Embargo

4. Enter a reason for the cancellation and select the **Cancel Embargo** button. Select **Close Screen** if you want to back out of the cancellation process. A message is displayed informing you that the embargo is cancelled. A warning is displayed if the cancelled embargo has any permits (see [Exhibit 41](#)).

### Exhibit 41. Successful Cancel Message with Permit Warning



✓ You have successfully cancelled the embargo.

! Warning: embargo UP031019 has 1 permit(s) unused. Once the embargo is cancelled, these permits cannot not be used.

**Note:** When an embargo is cancelled, all pending permit requests associated with the embargo are also cancelled.

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## Re-issuing Embargoes

Use the following procedure to re-issue an embargo when the original embargo is about to expire. The re-issued embargo is in **Pending** status and is forwarded for approval.

### Notes:

- In order to be able to re-issue an embargo the expiration must be within 30 days of the current date. For example, if an embargo is set to expire on 11/11/15 then the application will not allow the embargo to be re-issued until 10/12/15 or later. An embargo cannot be re-issued after the expiration date.
  - The application sends out an email tickler notice to all affected subscriptions 30 days prior to the posted expiration date of the embargo.
1. Select **Embargoes > Search Embargoes**. Perform a search for the currently approved/effective embargo issued by your company that you want to re-issue. The Search Embargo Results page is displayed.

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2. Select the Embargo Number of the embargo that you want to re-issue. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select the **Re-Issue** button. The Embargo Re-Issue Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 42](#)).


### Exhibit 42. Embargo Re-Issue Details

**Embargo Re-Issue Details**

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**General Embargo Information**


Embargo No: CALA002420


Request Date: 09-21-2020      Expiration Date: 09-21-2021 

Status: Effective      Issuing Road: CALA      Allow Permits: No

4. Select the **Re-Issue** button. A confirmation message is displayed stating that the embargo has been successfully re-issued (see [Exhibit 43](#)).

### Exhibit 43. Successfully Re-Issued Message with Notes Warning

 You have successfully re-issued an embargo.

 Please check all notes to make certain the notes still pertain to the new re-issued embargo.

A confirmation email is sent out to addresses that have been set up in a subscription list. A reissued embargo is created in **Pending** status and is sent for AAR approval.

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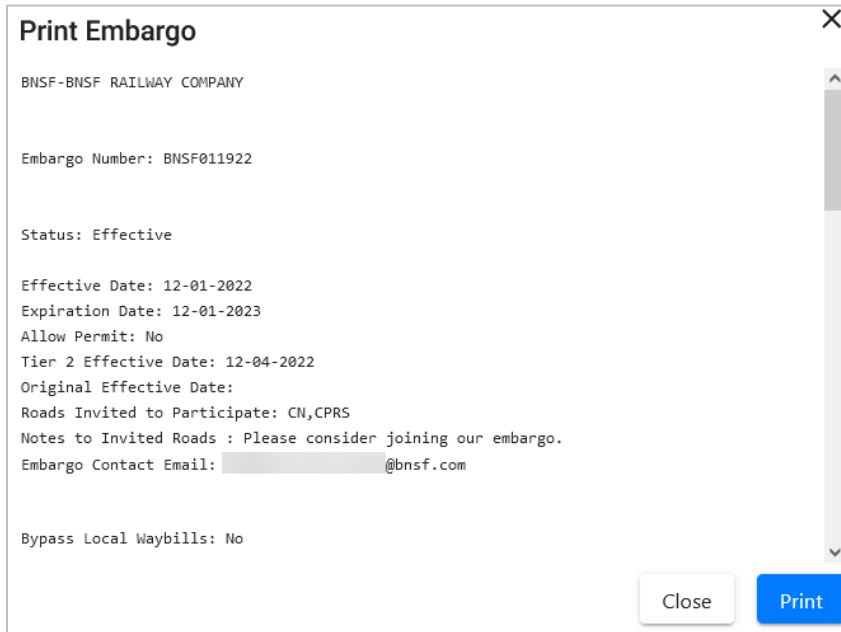
## Printing Embargoes

Use the following procedure to print an embargo:

1. Select **Embargoes > Search Embargoes**. Perform a search for the embargo that you want to print. The Search Embargo Results page is displayed.
2. Select the Embargo Number of the embargo that you want to print. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
3. Select the **Printable View** button. A print-ready version of the embargo is displayed (see [Exhibit 44](#)).



### Exhibit 44. Print Embargo View



**Print Embargo**

BNSF-BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY

Embargo Number: BNSF011922

Status: Effective

Effective Date: 12-01-2022  
Expiration Date: 12-01-2023  
Allow Permit: No  
Tier 2 Effective Date: 12-04-2022  
Original Effective Date:  
Roads Invited to Participate: CN,CPRS  
Notes to Invited Roads : Please consider joining our embargo.  
Embargo Contact Email: [redacted]@bnsf.com

Bypass Local Waybills: No

Close Print

4. Select the **Print** button and select your printer from the displayed dialog box. Select **Close** if you want to cancel the printing.

**Note:** The AAR admin signature is added at the bottom of the print out.

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## Viewing and Completing Draft Embargoes

Draft embargoes are embargoes that have been started and saved, but not submitted. Use the following procedure to view draft embargoes, and then complete and submit them:

1. Select **Embargoes > View Pending Embargoes**. The View Pending Embargoes page is displayed.
2. From the available drop-down, select **Draft**. A list of embargoes in draft status is displayed (see [Exhibit 45](#)).

Exhibit 45. View Pending Embargoes (Draft)

**View Pending Embargoes**

Status Filter  
 Pending Number of Pending Embargo(es): 12

Road	Embargo Number	Issue Date	Last Modified Time	Status
CSXT	<a href="#">CSXT000320</a>	09/01/2020	15:37:49	Pending
BNSF	<a href="#">BNSF000420</a>	09/23/2020	09:46:57	Pending
UP	<a href="#">UP000920</a>	04/06/2020	15:56:39	Pending
CALA	<a href="#">CALA002420</a>	09/21/2020	09:26:37	Pending Reissue
CALA	<a href="#">CALA001220</a>	02/16/2020	11:15:51	Pending
FXE	<a href="#">FXE000420</a>	09/02/2020	10:47:53	Pending Amend
UP	<a href="#">UP000720</a>	04/06/2020	15:46:44	Pending
UP	<a href="#">UP000820</a>	04/06/2020	15:55:23	Pending
CPRS	<a href="#">CPRS000320</a>	04/16/2020	14:21:42	Pending
CALA	<a href="#">CALA001520</a>	04/06/2020	15:46:55	Pending
KCS	<a href="#">KCS000120</a>	02/11/2020	13:14:53	Pending Amend
CALA	<a href="#">CALA001420</a>	04/02/2020	14:39:47	Pending

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3. Select the column header to sort the column in descending or ascending order. Arrow up is descending; arrow down is ascending.
4. When there are two or more pages of results, use the arrows in the bottom right to page through all the results.
5. To filter on a column, hover over a column header and select the three lines to the right of the column header and use the drop-down list to select how you want to filter on the content and enter your filter criteria. Select the **Clear Filters** button to clear all filters.
6. Select the **Embargo Number** link of the draft embargo that you want to view/complete. The Embargo Details page is displayed.
7. Select **Edit** to resume work on the displayed embargo. The General Embargo Information page is displayed allowing you to edit/complete the available fields.
8. Complete and edit the available fields (see [Issuing Embargoes](#) for additional information).
9. Perform one of the following steps:
  - a. Select **Issue Embargo**. A message appears at the top of the page informing you that the embargo has been successfully issued. The system sends an email to the AAR to approve the request. If errors are found, then they must be corrected before the embargo can be issued. Errors appear at the top of the page.

- b. Select **Save Draft** to save any changes made without submitting the embargo.

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## Creating an Embargo Template

If you plan on creating a number of embargoes, you can save time by creating an embargo template, which allows you to save and reuse information. Use the following procedure to create an embargo template:

1. Select **Embargoes > Create Embargo Template**. The Create Embargo Template page is displayed (see [Exhibit 46](#)).

Exhibit 46. Create Embargo Template

**Create Embargo Template**

**General Embargo Template Information**

Template Name *	Template Description *
<input type="checkbox"/> Op Station Notice	Issuing Road *
Allow Permits * Yes	Bypass Local Waybills *
Embargo Contact Email *	Permit Contact Email/Url
<input type="checkbox"/> Include Empty Revenue Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> Include All Empty Cars <small>(Only for causes of Weather Conditions, Derailment, Bridge Out of Service, Catastrophic Event, Spontaneous Labor Action, Civil Activism, or Congestion/Accumulation.)</small>
Min Car Allowed	Max Car Allowed

**Commodity**

Target Select Commodities  Target All Commodities

Include These Commodities

Cause	Notes
Cause * - Choose a Cause -	Notes
Cause Detail	

**Geography**

- (To just embargo all traffic in and out of one station, enter station in FROM box and Select Bi-Directional checkbox)
- (When issuing an Embargo or OPSL Note and Target All Locations option is chosen then the interchange pairs in the template will be suppressed and not used.)

Include These Locations  Target All Locations

Origin FSAC <input type="text"/>	Destination <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Directional FSAC <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exclude These Locations Origin FSAC <input type="text"/>	Destination <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Directional FSAC <input type="text"/>

Include These Interchanges  Target All Interchanges

OR <input type="text"/>	Choose a Geography Template. AB FSACs BC FSACs FSRR GREAT RIVER RAILROAD Greenville Branch Ayer MA
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[View Details](#)

[\[Create Geography Template\]](#)

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**Equipment**

Target Select UMLER Equipment Types
  Target All UMLER Equipment Types
  Target Select UMLER Equipment Type Groups

Target Select UMLER Field/Status

**Include These Umler Equipment Type Groups**

<input type="checkbox"/> A - Equipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> F - Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> K - Equipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> Q - Lower Profile Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> U - Intermodal Containers
<input type="checkbox"/> B - Unequipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> G - Unequipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> L - Special Types	<input type="checkbox"/> R - Refrigerator/RBL's	<input type="checkbox"/> V - Automobile Multi-levels
<input type="checkbox"/> C - Covered Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> H - Unequipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> P - Conventional Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> S - Stack Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> Z - Intermodal Trailers
<input type="checkbox"/> E - Equipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> J - Gondola GT		<input type="checkbox"/> T - Tanks	

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**Equipment Characteristics**

Add Equipment Axle Count & Length Conditions to Restrict Movement

Total Weight on Rail:   lbs.

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Clearance Code

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**Waybill Parties**

Target Select Waybill Parties
  Target All Waybill Parties

Include waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)
  Exclude waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)

Include  of These Waybill Parties:

CIF      Shipper  Consignee  Care of party  Ship From  Pick Up

2. Complete the available described fields:
  - a. **Template Name:** Unique name for the template (must be unique across road).
  - b. **Template Description:** Description for the template.
3. See [Issuing Embargoes](#) for a description of all other fields.
4. Select **Create Embargo Template**. A message is displayed letting you know that the embargo template has been saved (see [Exhibit 47](#)).

**Exhibit 47. You have successfully saved your Embargo Template message**



See [Viewing and Applying an Embargo Template](#) for information about applying the template.

# Viewing and Applying an Embargo Template

Use the following procedure to view and apply an embargo template:

**Note:** See [Creating an Embargo Template](#) for instructions on creating an embargo template.

1. Select **Embargoes > View Embargo Templates**. The View Embargo Templates page is displayed (see [Exhibit 48](#)).

**Exhibit 48. View Embargo Templates**

View Embargo Templates

Embargo Templates that are highlighted in yellow are AAR Security Level 4 Embargo Templates. Number of Embargo Template(s): 90

Road	Template Name	Template Description
BNSF	<a href="#">Azteca Milling</a>	Azteca Milling
BNSF	<a href="#">Temco Tacoma Wa</a>	Temco
BNSF	<a href="#">Tacoma Wa</a>	Temco
BNSF	<a href="#">Kalama Wa</a>	Kalama Export
BNSF	<a href="#">CLD IRVING</a>	Irving - Portland Or
BNSF	<a href="#">CLD ODOCK</a>	CLD ODOCK - Portland Or
PHL	<a href="#">MORWAL</a>	All traffic except pet coke
PHL	<a href="#">Pacific Coast Recycling - Jimco</a>	All traffic including empties
PHL	<a href="#">LA Grain</a>	all traffic except empties
CGR	<a href="#">Disaster Plan/Mobile Embargo</a>	Disaster Plan/Mobile Embargo
TASD	<a href="#">Hurricane Full embargo</a>	Hurricane Full embargo
TASD	<a href="#">Hurricane Inbound only Embargo</a>	Hurricane Inbound only Embargo
TASD	<a href="#">Grain Embargo</a>	Grain Embargo
PHL	<a href="#">MORWAL - DDG</a>	MORWAL DDG inbounds
BNSF	<a href="#">United Harvest Vancouver Wa</a>	UH Vancouver Wa

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2. Select the **Template Name** link of the embargo template that you want to view and/or apply. The Embargo Template Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 49](#)).

**Exhibit 49. Embargo Template Details**

**Embargo Template Details**

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**General Embargo Template Information**

Template Name: Seapacific      Template Description: Seapacific Congestion  
 Issuing Road: BNSF  
 Allow Permits: Yes      Include Empty Revenue Cars: Yes      Include All Empty Cars: No      Min Car Allowed:  
 Max Car Allowed:      Last modified By:      Email:      Last modified on: 10-31-2011  
 Bypass Local Waybills: No  
 Embargo Contact Email:

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**Commodity**

Target All Commodities

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**Cause**

Cause: Congestions/Accumulation  
 Cause Detail: Congestion and accumulation.

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**Geography**

Include These Locations:

ORIGIN				Bi-Directional	DESTINATION			
Roadmark	FSAC	Station Name	State/Province	N	Roadmark	FSAC	Station Name	State/Province
	*				BNSF	01036	WILLISTON	ND

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**Equipment**

UMLER Equipment Types: Target All UMLER Equipment Types  
 Total Weight on Rail: No Weight Restrictions  
 Clearance Code: No Clearance Code

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**Waybill Parties**

Exclude waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)  
 Include Any of These Waybill Parties:

CIF	Patron Name	Address	City	State/Prov.	Patron Type
9635098698000					Consignee, Care of party

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**Notes**

Please contact Janet Zhang for permits at janetz@seapacific.com.

- To issue a new embargo based on the template, select the **Issue Embargo** button. Complete the available input fields (see [Issuing Embargoes](#) for additional information).

## Searching for Embargo Officers

Use the following procedure to search for Embargo Officers:

- Select **Embargoes > Search Embargo/Permit Officers**. The View Railroad Embargo and Permit Officers page is displayed (see [Exhibit 50](#)).

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### Exhibit 50. View Railroad Embargo and Permit Officers

The screenshot shows a search interface titled "View railroad embargo and permit officers". It features a search input field labeled "Roadmark" with a magnifying glass icon and a placeholder text "(Leave empty to view for all roads)". Below the input field, there are two radio buttons for "Display": "Only embargo officers" (which is selected) and "Only permit officers". At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Search".

2. Enter the **Roadmark** of the Embargo Officer (leave empty to view all roads).
3. Select to display **Only Embargo Officers**.
4. Select **Search**. The Search Embargo Officers Results page is displayed (see [Exhibit 51](#)).

### Exhibit 51. Search Embargo Officers Results

The screenshot shows the "Search embargo officers results" page. At the top right, it displays "Number of Embargo Officer(s): 278" and includes "Clear Filters" and "Download" buttons. Below this is a table with the following columns: Roadmark, Name, Phone number, Email address, Primary Officer, and Notes. The table lists several officers with their respective details. At the bottom right, there are "Cancel", "Clear", and "Save Changes" buttons. The page also shows pagination information: "1 to 100 of 278" and "Page 1 of 3".

Roadmark	Name	Phone number	Email address	Primary Officer	Notes
ABS				<input type="checkbox"/>	
ABWR				<input type="checkbox"/>	
AGR				<input type="checkbox"/>	
AGR				<input type="checkbox"/>	
AKMD				<input type="checkbox"/>	
AKMD				<input type="checkbox"/>	
ALM				<input type="checkbox"/>	
ALM				<input type="checkbox"/>	
AN				<input type="checkbox"/>	
AN				<input type="checkbox"/>	
AOR				<input type="checkbox"/>	

The Search Embargo Officers Results page enables you to view the names, phone numbers, and email addresses for Embargo Officers. Select **Cancel** to exit the page.

## Viewing AAR Circular TD-1

To view AAR Circular TD-1, which governs the placing and handling of embargoes, select **Embargoes > TD1 Circular**. The Circular TD-1 page is displayed (see [Exhibit 52](#)).



**Exhibit 52. Circular TD-1**



**Association of American Railroads**  
**Safety and Operations • Business Services**  
**425 Third Street, SW • Washington, D.C. 20024**

**CIRCULAR No. TD-1**

**IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021**  
**EXCEPT AS NOTED**  
**CODE OF CAR SERVICE RULES/CODE OF CAR HIRE RULES**

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**PREAMBLE**

The Rules contained herein do not foreclose subscribers from entering into other agreements which may differ from these rules.

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**Note:** Substantive changes are highlighted in **yellow**.

**TO:** TRANSPORTATION OFFICERS--ALL RAILROADS

The following instructions shall govern the placing and handling of embargoes:

This circular provides instructions for the placing of embargoes and for the handling of embargoed traffic. It does not establish standards for determining whether an embargo is lawful or unlawful. The party placing an embargo is responsible for compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

**I. DEFINITIONS**

- A. An embargo is a method of controlling Traffic movements when, in the judgment of the serving railroad, an actual or threatened Physical or Operational Impairment, of a temporary nature, warrants restrictions against such movements.

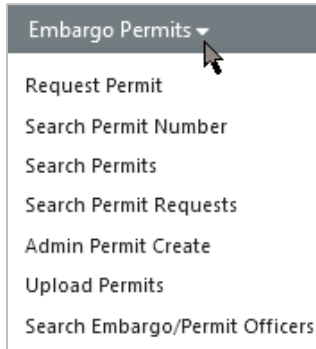
## Managing Embargo Permits

A railroad user can request a permit (or multiple permits) for specific shipments to proceed to an embargoed destination.

A railroad user with assigned Embargo Permit Officer permissions can grant a permit (or multiple permits) for specific shipments to proceed to an embargoed destination.

When you select **Embargo Permits** on an AAR Embargo System page, the Embargo Permits menu is displayed (see [Exhibit 53](#)).

**Exhibit 53. Embargo Permits Menu**



[Exhibit 54](#) describes the tasks available on the Embargo Permits menu.

**Exhibit 54. Embargo Permits Menu Items and Descriptions**

Menu Item	Description
<a href="#">Request Permit</a>	Enables you to request a permit to bypass an embargo.
<a href="#">Search Permit Number</a>	Enables you to search for and view any embargo permit for which you have the permit number regardless of status.
<a href="#">Search Permits</a>	Enables you to search and view all issued embargo permits.
<a href="#">Search Permit Requests</a>	Enables you to search permit requests of different statuses.
<a href="#">Admin Permit Create</a>	Enables a Railinc Administrator to issue a permit for an embargo (for example, if a shipper cannot access the Embargo/OPSL Notes System).
<a href="#">Search Embargo/Permit Officers</a>	Enables you to search for embargo and permit officers for all marks.

# Requesting Embargo Permits

Any AAR Embargo and OPSL Notes System user may request an embargo permit.

**Note:** The following must be true:

- The embargo selected must allow permits.
- The embargo selected is in approved status and is not expired or cancelled.

Use the following procedure to request an embargo permit:

1. There are two ways to request an embargo permit:
  - a. Search for the embargo to which you want to request to have a permit applied (see [Searching and Viewing Embargoes](#)). The Embargo Details page is displayed. Select the **Request Permit** button.
  - b. Select **Embargo Permits > Request Permit**. With this path, you must specify the embargo number on the Create Permit Request page.

The Create Permit Request page is displayed (see [Exhibit 55](#)).

## Exhibit 55. Create Permit Request

**Create Permit Request**

Instructions: After submission of your request, for issues with permits/ obtaining permit numbers, please contact the permit officer(s) for the issuing road. To access a listing of railroad permit officers, please select Permits drop down and choose Search Officers option.

Permit(s) for Embargo \*

Status: New Requester ID: [REDACTED]

Requester Contact: [REDACTED] (Please ensure your email address is correct, if not, update it first in SSO and then re-try operation)

Priority \* Medium Number of Permits Needed \* 1

Reason \*

Permit Start Date 08-26-2021 Permit End Date 10-25-2021

In most cases, the Permit Start Date should be the same as the Waybill Date

Shipper CIF Consignee CIF

Origin FSAC Destination FSAC

Road Mark - FSAC Road Mark - FSAC

Free Form Commodity \*

Return Submit

2. Complete the available input fields:

<b>Field</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>*Permit(s) for Embargo</b>	If entering the page directly from the menu ( <b>Embargo Permits &gt; Request Permit</b> ), then this option enables you to specify the Embargo number to which the permit(s) should be applied.
<b>*Priority</b>	Select the priority (High, Medium, or Low).
<b>*Reason</b>	Free-form reason for the permit.
<b>*Number of Permits Needed</b>	Enter the number of permits required.
<b>Permit Start Date</b>	Must be equal to or after associated embargo start date; must be prior to associated embargo end date; must be prior to requested end date.
<b>Permit End Date</b>	Default is calculated as 60 working days after start date or set as the associated embargo end date, whichever comes first. May not be equal or prior to requested start date. May not be prior to associated embargo start date. May not be after associated embargo end date.
<b>Shipper CIF</b>	One per permit request. If the Shipper CIF is specified in the associated embargo, then the entered CIF must be one of those specified.
<b>Consignee CIF</b>	One per permit request. If Consignee CIF is specified in the associated embargo, then the entered CIF must be one of those specified.
<b>Origin FSAC</b>	Origin Freight Station Accounting Code. Enter Road Mark and then FSAC number.
<b>Destination FSAC</b>	Destination Freight Station Accounting Code. Enter Road Mark and then FSAC number.
<b>*Free-form Commodity</b>	Multiple commodities allowed per permit. If a STCC is specified in the associated embargo, the entered STCC must be one of those specified. Free-form text is allowed. You may enter STCC code(s) or description(s).

3. Select the **Submit** button. The system sets the status of the request to **Pending** and stores the request as a permit request. Permit requests have a status of **Pending** until a permit officer either approves or denies the request, as long as the embargo is effective.

## Searching and Viewing Embargo Permits

Use the following procedure to search and view existing embargo permits:

1. Select **Embargo Permits > Search Permits**. The Search Permits page is displayed (see [Exhibit 56](#)).

**Exhibit 56. Search Permits**

2. Complete the available input fields:

Field	Description
<b>Permit Number</b>	Permit numbers are 10 characters in length and consist of a randomly generated combination of letters and numbers (for example, A887659944).
<b>Embargo Number</b>	10-character, system-generated identifier for created embargoes that consists of the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issuing railroad road mark,</li> <li>▪ 4-digit sequence number starting with 0001. The sequence number is reset to 0001 at the beginning of a new year,</li> <li>▪ 2-digit year.</li> </ul> Here is an example of an embargo number: BNSF011102
<b>Embargo Issued By</b>	Road mark that created the embargo. Select the magnifying glass to bring up the Road Mark Lookup page.
<b>Equip ID</b>	Reporting mark and number of rail equipment.

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Field	Description
<b>Start/End Date</b>	Start and End Date Range for permits; select the calendar icon for assistance with date entry.
<b>Waybill Number</b>	Number associated with the waybill.
<b>Waybill Date</b>	Date waybill was created.
<b>Permit Status</b>	List of possible permit request statuses available for selection; multiple selections are allowed.

3. Select **Search** to initiate the search for matching permits. The Search Permit Results page is displayed [Exhibit 57](#).

### Exhibit 57. Search Permit Results

**Search Permit Results** Number of Permit(s): 111

Permit Number	Status	Used Date/ Time	Cancelled Date/ Time	Embargo Num...	Start Date	End Date	Waybill Number	Waybill Date	Equipment ID	Billing Road
<a href="#">CN120AA048</a>	Effective			CN000120	10-12-2020	10-26-2020	0			
<a href="#">CN120AA031</a>	Effective			CN000120	10-12-2020	10-26-2020	0			
<a href="#">CN120AA063</a>	Effective			CN000120	10-12-2020	10-26-2020	0			
<a href="#">CN120AA038</a>	Effective			CN000120	10-12-2020	10-26-2020	0			
<a href="#">CN120AA097</a>	Effective			CN000120	10-12-2020	10-26-2020	0			
<a href="#">CN120AA070</a>	Effective			CN000120	10-12-2020	10-26-2020	0			
<a href="#">CN120AA051</a>	Effective			CN000120	10-12-2020	10-26-2020	0			
<a href="#">CN120AA105</a>	Effective			CN000120	10-12-2020	10-26-2020	0			

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4. Select the Permit Number of a displayed permit to view its details. The View Permit Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 58](#)).

### Exhibit 58. View Permit Details

**View Permit Details**

Permit(s) for Embargo: <a href="#">CN000120</a>	Status: Effective	Permit Number: CN120AA099	Used Date/ Time:
Permit Start Date: 10-12-2020	Permit End Date: 10-26-2020	Number of Permits Needed: 110	Num of Permits Allowed Per Day: 110
Waybill Number: 0	Waybill Date:	Equipment ID:	Billing Road:

**Commodity**

No Commodities Specified

**Other Permits In Series**

Permit Number	Used Date/ Time	Status	Waybill Number	Waybill Date	Equipment ID	Billing Road
CN120AA009		Effective	0			
CN120AA046		Effective	0			
CN120AA080		Effective	0			
CN120AA040		Effective	0			
CN120AA027		Effective	0			
CN120AA077		Effective	0			
CN120AA090		Effective	0			

5. Perform one of the following actions (the available actions vary depending on the status of the permit):
  - a) Select the **Permit(s) for Embargo** link to view the embargo associated with the displayed permits.
  - b) Select **Return** to return to the Search Permit Results page.
  - c) Select **Printable View** to view a printable version of the permit.
  - d) Select **Cancel Permit** to cancel the displayed permit (for “effective” permits).
  - e) Select **View Audit Log** to audit a history of the displayed permit.
  - f) Select **Export As XML** to export the displayed permit as XML.
  - g) Select **Export As CSV** to export the displayed permit in CSV format.

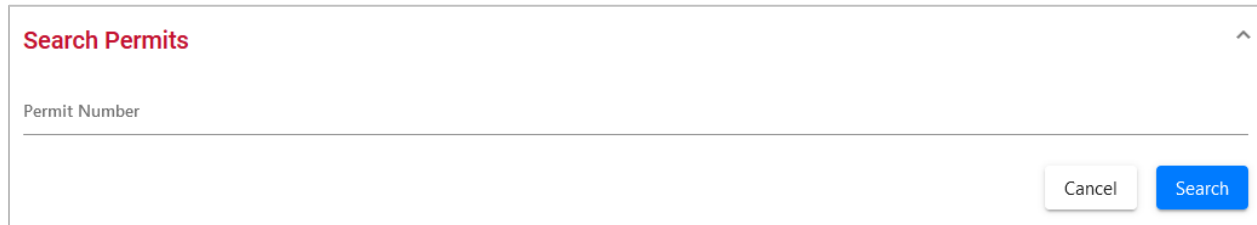
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## Searching by Embargo Permit Number

If you know the permit number, use the following procedure to view any single permit regardless of status:

1. Select **Embargo Permits > Search Permit Number**. The Search Permits page is displayed (see [Exhibit 59](#)).

**Exhibit 59. Search Permits (By Permit Number)**



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Search Permits" with a small upward-pointing arrow in the top right corner. Below the title is a text input field labeled "Permit Number". At the bottom right of the form are two buttons: a white "Cancel" button and a blue "Search" button.


2. Complete the **Permit Number** field. Permit numbers are 10 characters in length and consist of a randomly generated combination of letters and numbers (for example, CN120AA014).
3. Select **Search** to initiate the search for matching permits. The Search Permit Results page is displayed with the single matching permit (see [Exhibit 60](#)).

### Exhibit 60. Search Permit Results

The screenshot shows a web application window titled "Search Permits". Inside, there is a sub-section "Search Permit Results". At the top right of this section, it says "Number of Permit(s): 1" and includes a "Clear Filters" button and a download icon. Below this is a table with the following data:

Permit Num...	Status	Used Date/ ...	Cancelled D...	Embargo N...	Start Date	End Date	Waybill Nu...	Waybill Date	Equipment ID	Billing Road
CN120AA014	Effective			CN000120	10-12-2020	10-26-2020	0			

At the bottom right of the window, there is a pagination indicator: "1 to 1 of 1" and navigation arrows.

4. Review the information about the single permit. Perform one of the following tasks:
  - a) Select the down arrow in the top right open Search Permits and enter another permit number and perform another search.
  - b) Select the Download icon  to open or save your search results in a spreadsheet.

## Searching and Viewing Embargo Permit Requests

Use the following procedure to search for existing embargo permit requests:

1. Select **Embargo Permits > Search Permit Requests**. The Search Permit Requests page is displayed (see [Exhibit 61](#)).

### Exhibit 61. Search Permit Requests

The screenshot shows a web application window titled "Search Permit Requests". It features several search filters:

- Embargo No:
- Embargo Issued By:
- Start Date:
- End Date:
- Permit Status:  All  Approved  Rejected  Pending

At the bottom right, there are "Cancel" and "Search" buttons.

2. Complete the available input fields:



Field	Description
<b>Embargo Number</b>	10-character, system-generated identifier for created embargoes that consists of the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issuing railroad road mark,</li> <li>▪ 4-digit sequence number starting with 0001. The sequence number is reset to 0001 at the beginning of each new year,</li> <li>▪ 2 digits for the last two numbers of the year.</li> </ul> <p>Here is an example of an embargo number: BNSF011102</p>
<b>Embargo Issued By</b>	Road mark that created the embargo. Select the magnifying glass to bring up the Road Mark Lookup page.
<b>Start/End Date</b>	Start and End Date range for permits; select the calendar icon for assistance with date entry.
<b>Permit Status</b>	List of possible permit request statuses available for selection; multiple selections are allowed.

3. Select the **Search** button. The Search Permit Request Results page is displayed (see [Exhibit 62](#)). Permit requests that are highlighted in yellow are high priority.

**Exhibit 62. Search Permit Request Results**

The search results are limited to 30 days due to the search criteria chosen. Please refine your search criteria for more relevant results.

**Search Permit Requests**

**Search Permit Request Results**

Permit requests that are highlighted in yellow are high priority. Number of Permit Request(s): 2

Request ID	Embargo Nu...	Number of P...	Permit Reque...	Permit Start ...	Permit End D...	Origin	Destination	Status	Priority
<a href="#">71427</a>	<a href="#">CALA000720</a>	10	09/22/2020	01/30/2020	10/06/2020			Pending	Medium
<a href="#">71428</a>	<a href="#">CALA000720</a>	10	09/25/2020	01/30/2020	10/09/2020			Pending	Medium

4. Select the **Request ID** link of the permit request that you want to view. The Permit Request Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 63](#)).

**Note:** The embargo associated with a permit can be viewed by selecting the Embargo Number corresponding with the listed permit.

**Exhibit 63. Permit Request Details - Pending**

**Permit Request Details**

Permit(s) for Embargo: [CALA000720](#) Request ID: 71427

Status: Pending Requester ID: MICHDOC

Requester Contact: [Redacted]

Priority: Medium Reason: priority delivery

Number of Permits Needed: 10

Permit Start Date: 01-30-2020 Permit End Date: 10-06-2020

Waybill Parties:

Origin / Destination:

Free Form Commodity: all commodities

Instructions: For issues with permits/ obtaining permit numbers, please contact your permit officer listed below.

Permit officer name	Phone number	Email address
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

[Return](#) [Printable View](#) [Edit Request](#) [Reject Request](#) [Start Approval](#) [View Journal](#) [View audit log](#)

5. Perform one of the following actions:

**Note:** The actions available may vary depending on the status and your permissions.

- b) Select the **Permit(s) for Embargo** link to view the embargo associated with the displayed permits.
- c) Select **Return** to return to the Search Permit Request Results page.
- d) Select **Printable View** to view a printable version of the permit request.
- e) Select **Edit Request** to edit the permit request.
- f) Select **Reject Request** to reject the displayed permit request.
- g) Select **Start Approval** to start the approval process.
- h) Select **View Journal** to view journal entries associated with the permit request.
- i) Select **View Audit Log** to view audit log details on the displayed permit request.

### Exhibit 64. Permit Request Details - Approved

**Permit Request Details**

Permit(s) for Embargo:	<a href="#">BNSF000323</a>	Request ID:	86610
Status:	Pending	Requester ID:	[REDACTED]
Requester Contact:	Michelle Ferrar RAILINC CORPORATION [REDACTED]		
Priority:	Medium	Reason:	permit reason
Number of Permits Needed:	1		
Permit Start Date:	01-17-2023	Permit End Date:	06-26-2023
Waybill Parties:			
Origin / Destination:			
Free Form Commodity:	butane gas		
Instructions:	For issues with permits/ obtaining permit numbers, please refer to the original embargo for information on the permit officer.		

[Return](#) [Printable View](#) [Edit Request](#) [Reject Request](#) [Start Approval](#) [View Journal](#) [View audit log](#)

6. For approved permit requests, perform one of the following actions:
  - a) Select **Return** to return to the Search Permit Request Results page.
  - b) Select **Printable View** to view a printable version of the permit request.
  - c) Select **View Permits** to view all permits for the permit request ([Exhibit 65](#)). This page also provides a **Printable View** to view a printable version of the permits for the request.
  - d) Select **View Journal** to view journal entries associated with the permit request.
  - e) Select **View Audit Log** to view audit log details on the displayed permit request.

**Exhibit 65. View Permits**

**View All Permits For Permit Request**

Permit(s) for Embargo: <a href="#">NS000222</a>	Request ID: 78013
Permit Start Date: 04-06-2022	Permit End Date: 07-04-2022
Number of Permits Needed:	Num of Permits Allowed Per Day: 1

**Commodity**

STCC	Description
4905788	BUTANE

**Permits In Series**

Permit Number	Used Date/ Time	Status	Equipment ID	Billing Road
NZL5570680		Cancelled		

Return
Printable View

## Administering Embargo Permit Creation

Use the following procedure to administer the creation of an Embargo Permit:

1. Select **Embargo Permits > Admin Permit Create**. The Issue Permit page is displayed (see [Exhibit 66](#)).

**Exhibit 66. Issue Permit**

**Issue Permit**

Permit(s) for Embargo *	Status: New
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railinc Generated Permit Number(s)	
Number of Permits Needed *	Num of Permits Allowed Per Day
1	1
Permit Start Date	Permit End Date
06-03-2022	08-02-2022

**In most cases, the Permit Start Date should be the same as the Waybill Date**

Include All Embargoed STCCs

Permit These STCC Commodities

Return
Issue Permit

2. Complete the available input fields:

Field	Description
<b>*Permits for Embargo</b>	Enter the embargo number of the embargo for which you want to issue a permit.  An <b>embargo number</b> is a 10-character, system-generated identifier for created embargoes that consists of the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issuing railroad road mark,</li> <li>▪ 4-digit sequence number starting with 0001. The sequence number is reset to 0001 at the beginning of each new year,</li> <li>▪ 2 digits for the last two numbers of the year.</li> </ul> Here is an example of an embargo number: BNSF011102
<b>*Number of Permits Needed</b>	Enter the number of permits required.
<b>Railinc Generated Permit Number(s)</b>	If checked, Railinc assigns a random alpha-numeric Permit Number. If not checked, a text box appears allowing you to assign your own Permit Numbers. Separate multiple entries by commas.
<b>Number of Permits Allowed Per Day</b>	This automatically populates with the <b>Number of Permits Needed</b> but can be changed to a lesser number that is allowed per day.
<b>Permit Start Date</b>	Must be equal to or past associated embargo start date; must be prior to associated embargo end date; must be prior to the requested end date.
<b>Include All Embargoed STCCs</b>	An Embargo Number must be entered in the <b>Permit(s) for Embargo</b> field before this feature is active. Toggle on (blue) this feature to import all the STCC commodities associated with the embargo. Up to 112 STCCs appear below the toggle button. The form does not allow duplicate STCCs to be added to the list if this toggle is turned off and on again. Select the <b>Permit These STCC Commodities</b> field to edit or delete the STCCs.
<b>Permit End Date</b>	Default is calculated as 60 working days after the start date or set as the associated embargo end date, whichever comes first; may not be equal to or prior to the requested start date; may not be prior to the associated embargo start date; may not be after the associated embargo end date.

Field	Description
Permit These STCC Commodities	Multiple STCCs are allowed per permit; if STCC(s) are specified in the associated embargo, then the entered STCC must be one of those specified.

3. Select the **Submit** button. The system sets the status of the request to **Pending** and stores the request as an embargo permit request. Permit requests have a status of **Pending** until the permit officer either approves or denies the request, as long as the embargo is effective.

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## Approving Embargo Permit Requests

**Note:** This process is for Permit Officers.

As a Permit Officer, you can perform a search to find embargo permit requests waiting for your approval. Then select a permit request and provide approval. Requests may be approved if their current status is **Pending**. The embargo associated with the permit must be approved and active.

Use the following procedure to approve embargo permit requests:

1. Perform a search for permit requests (see [Searching and Viewing Embargo Permit Requests](#)).
2. From the Permit Request Details page, select **Start Approval** to start the approval process. The Approve Permit Request page is displayed (see [Exhibit 67](#)).

**Exhibit 67. Approve Permit Request**

**Approve Permit Request**

Permit(s) for Embargo: BNSF000722 Status: Pending

Requester ID: BSMXF01 Requester Contact: [Redacted]

Note /

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Reason \*  
testing /

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Priority \* Number of Permits Needed \* Num of Permits Allowed Per Day

Medium 1 1

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Permit Start Date Permit End Date

04-21-2022 07-04-2022

In most cases, the Permit Start Date should be the same as the Waybill Date

Shipper CIF Consignee CIF

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Origin FSAC Destination FSAC

Road Mark - FSAC Road Mark - FSAC

Free Form Commodity: gas

Include All Embargoed STCCs

Permit These STCC Commodities /

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Return
Approve Permit

3. Complete the available input fields:

Field	Description
<b>Note</b>	Free-form notes field.
<b>*Reason</b>	Free-form field; reason for the embargo permit request.
<b>*Priority</b>	Select the priority (High, Medium, or Low).
<b>*Number of Permits Needed</b>	Enter the number of permits required.
<b>Number of Permits Allowed per Day</b>	Enter the number of permits allowed each day.

Field	Description
<b>Permit Start Date</b>	Must be equal to or past associated embargo start date; must be prior to associated embargo end date; must be prior to requested end date.
<b>Permit End Date</b>	May not be equal or prior to requested start date. May not be prior to associated embargo start date. May not be after associated embargo end date.
<b>Shipper CIF</b>	One per permit. If Shipper CIF(s) are specified in the associated embargo, then the entered CIF must be one of those specified.
<b>Consignee CIF</b>	One per permit. If Consignee CIF(s) are specified in the associated embargo, then the entered CIF must be one of those specified.
<b>Origin FSAC</b>	Origin Freight Station Accounting Code. Enter Road Mark and then FSAC number. Lookup available.
<b>Destination FSAC</b>	Destination Freight Station Accounting Code. Enter Road Mark and then FSAC number. Lookup available.
<b>Include All Embargoed STCCs</b>	Toggle on (blue) this feature to import all the STCC commodities associated with the embargo. Up to 112 STCCs appear below the toggle button. The form does not allow duplicate STCCs to be added to the list if this toggle is turned off and on again. Select the <b>Permit These STCC Commodities</b> field to edit or delete the STCCs.
<b>Permit These STCC Commodities</b>	Multiple STCC(s) are allowed per permit. If STCC(s) are specified in the associated embargo, then the entered STCC must be one of those specified.

4. Select **Approve Permit**. The system notifies the requestor. The permit request is now considered approved and a request id is assigned.

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## Rejecting Embargo Permit Requests

**Note:** This process is for Permit Officers.

As a Permit Officer, you can perform a search to find permit requests waiting for approval. Then select a permit request and reject it. Requests may be rejected by a Permit Officer if its current status is **Pending**.

Use the following procedure to reject embargo permit requests:

1. Perform a search for permit requests (see [Searching and Viewing Embargo Permit Requests](#)).



## Managing Embargo Permits

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- From the Permit Request Details page, select **Reject Request**. The Permit Request Reject Reason Pop-up window is displayed (see [Exhibit 68](#)).

**Exhibit 68. Permit Request Reject Reason**



The screenshot shows a pop-up window titled "Permit Request Reject Reason". The window has a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a large text input field for entering a rejection reason. At the bottom of the window, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Reject".

- Enter a free-form rejection reason and select **Reject**. The system notifies the requestor. The permit request is now considered rejected and may not have waybills approved against it. The Permit Request Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 69](#)).

**Exhibit 69. Permit Request Successfully Rejected**

Permit Request successfully rejected✕

### Permit Request Details

Permit(s) for Embargo: <a href="#">CALA000720</a>	Request ID: 71428
Status: Rejected	Requester ID: MICHDOC
Requester Contact: [REDACTED]	Reject Reason: reject needed
Priority: Medium	Reason: priority delivery
Number of Permits Needed: 10	
Permit Start Date: 01-30-2020	Permit End Date: 10-09-2020
Waybill Parties:	
Origin / Destination:	
Free Form Commodity: All commodities	
Instructions: For issues with permits/ obtaining permit numbers, please contact your permit officer listed below.	

Permit officer name	Phone number	Email address
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

ReturnPrintable ViewView JournalView audit log

## Searching for Embargo Permit Officers

Use the following procedure to search for Embargo Permit Officers:

1. Select **Embargo Permits > Search Embargo/Permit Officers**. The View Railroad Embargo and Permit Officers page is displayed (see [Exhibit 70](#)).

## Managing Embargo Permits

### Exhibit 70. View Railroad Embargo and Permit Officers



**View railroad embargo and permit officers**

Roadmark

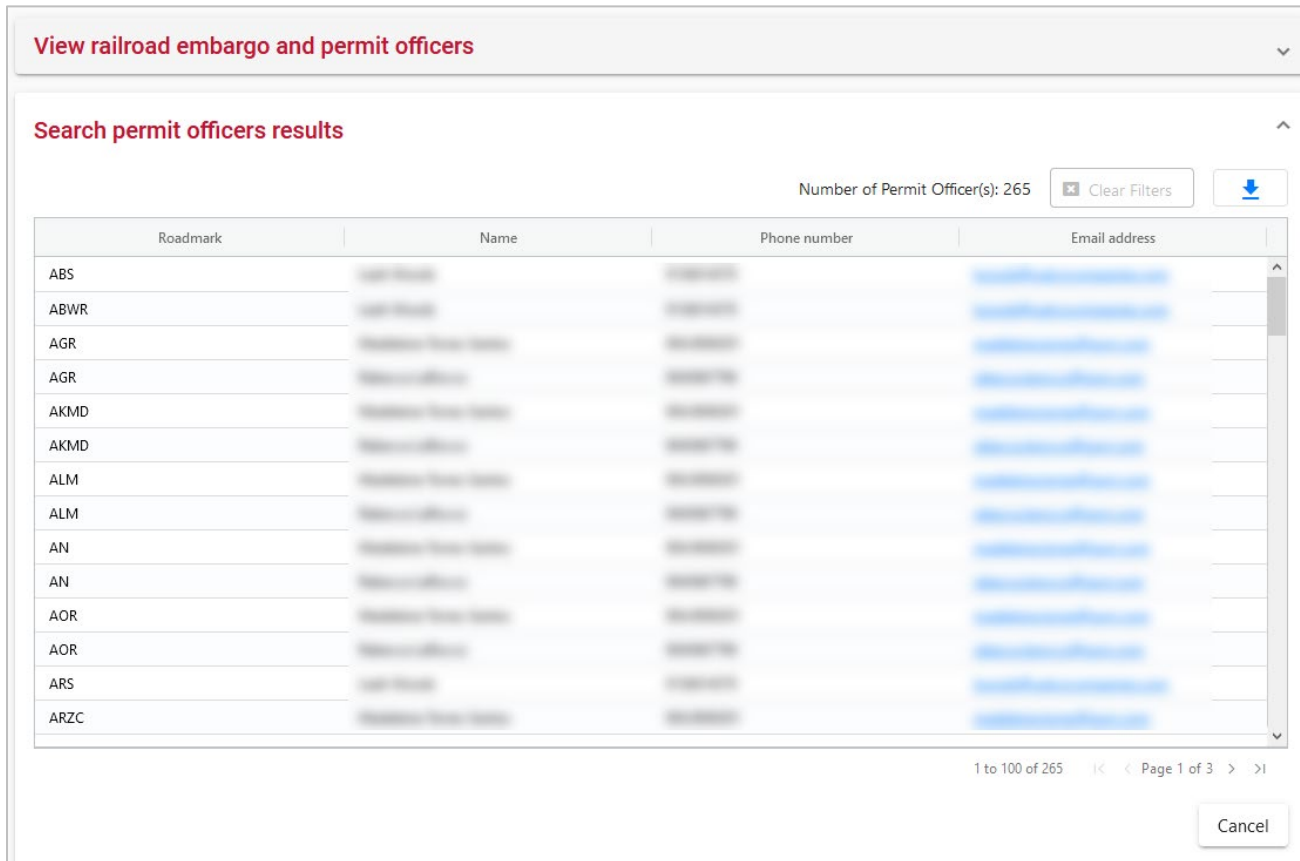
(Leave empty to view for all roads)

Display:  Only embargo officers  Only permit officers

Cancel Search

2. Enter the **Roadmark** of the OPSL or Permit Officer (leave empty to view all roads).
3. Select to display **Only Permit Officers**.
4. Select **Search**. The Search Permit Officers Results page is displayed (see [Exhibit 71](#)).

### Exhibit 71. Search Permit Officers Results



**View railroad embargo and permit officers**

**Search permit officers results**

Number of Permit Officer(s): 265

Roadmark	Name	Phone number	Email address
ABS			
ABWR			
AGR			
AGR			
AKMD			
AKMD			
ALM			
ALM			
AN			
AN			
AOR			
AOR			
ARS			
ARZC			

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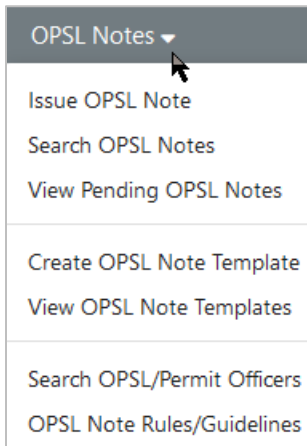
Cancel

The Search Permit Officers Results page enables you to view the names, phone numbers, and email addresses for Embargo Permit Officers. Select **Cancel** to exit the page.

## Working with OPSL Notes

When you select **OPSL Notes** on an AAR Embargo System page, the OPSL Notes menu is displayed (see [Exhibit 72](#)).

**Exhibit 72. OPSL Notes Menu**



[Exhibit 73](#) describes the tasks available on the OPSL Notes menu.

**Exhibit 73. OPSL Notes Menu Items and Descriptions**

Menu Item	Description
<a href="#">Issue OPSL Note</a>	Enables you to create an OPSL Note that permanently restricts rail traffic from a specified area. OPSL Notes are not in effect until they are approved by the AAR.
<a href="#">Search OPSL Notes</a>	Enables you to search for and view OPSL Notes. Once results are located, you can perform additional functions.
<a href="#">View Pending OPSL Notes</a>	Enables you to view a list of draft, pending, and rejected OPSL Notes for your mark.
<a href="#">Create OPSL Note Template</a>	Enables you to create an OPSL Note template that is prepopulated with regularly used information.
<a href="#">View OPSL Note Template</a>	Enables you to view and apply OPSL Note templates that you have created.
<a href="#">Search OPSL/Permit Officers</a>	Enables you to search for OPSL and permit officers for all marks.
<a href="#">OPSL Note Rules/Guidelines</a>	Enables you to view basic rules and guidelines for creating OPSL Notes.

## Viewing OPSL Note Rules and Guidelines

To access basic overview rules and guidelines for the creation of OPSL Notes, select **OPSL Notes > OPSL Note Rules/Guidelines**. The OPSL Note Rules and Guidelines page is displayed (see [Exhibit 74](#)).

Exhibit 74. OPSL Note Rules and Guidelines

**RAILINC** | AAR Embargo System MICHDOC: RAIL Launch Pad Sign Out

Home Embargoes OPSL Notes OPSL Note Permits Tools Help

### OPSL Note Definition

**What is the OPSL?**  
The Official Railroad Station List, known in the rail industry as the OPSL, is a rail industry governing geographical publication, an authoritative and highly up-to-date rail station directory.

**What are OPSL Notes?**  
OPSL Notes in this application are unique characteristics attributable to a specific station which describe operational factors impacting traffic movements. Note numbers are displayed in parentheses adjacent to a station name in the Alphabetical and Geographical sections of the OPSL. The text of the notes themselves is displayed in the Notes Section under the appropriate note number.

**OPSL Effective Dates**  
The OPSL Reissue and each OPSL Supplement carry 'issue' dates on their covers. These show the dates the publications are published. Also shown on the covers are effective dates. This date indicates everything in effect as of that point in time.

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FAX 919-651-5410

## Searching OPSL Notes

Use the following procedure to search for OPSL Notes:

1. Select **OPSL Notes > Search OPSL Notes**. The Search OPSL Notes page is displayed (see [Exhibit 75](#)).

Exhibit 75. Search OPSL Notes

### Search OPSL Notes

Simple Search Advanced Search

OPSL Note No Issuing Road Created By State/Province  
Any State/Province

Status:  
 All  
 Amended  
 Cancelled  
 Approved/Effective

2. Complete the available input fields:

Field	Description
<b>OPSL Note No.</b>	<p>An <b>OPSL tariff note number</b> is 10 characters in length and consists of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issuing railroad road mark</li> <li>▪ OPSL issue indicator; the second digit of the alpha code is incremented by the next letter of the alphabet for each year. “AB” equals the 2007 edition, “AC” equals the 2008 edition, and “AJ” equals the 2015 edition.</li> <li>▪ 4-digit Tariff Note item number</li> </ul> <p>Here is an example of a tariff note number: BNSF – AB – 3200</p>
<b>Issuing Road</b>	Enter road mark or use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to the text box.
<b>Created By</b>	Single Sign-On User ID of the creator of the OPSL Note.
<b>State/Province</b>	From the drop down choose a State/Province.
<b>Status</b>	<p><b>All</b> – by checking this box, all OPSL Notes that have been created and handled by the OPSL Admin are returned regardless of their status.</p> <p><b>Amended</b> – by checking this box, only approved and amended OPSL Notes are returned.</p> <p><b>Cancelled</b> – by checking this box, only OPSL Notes approved and later cancelled by the road are returned.</p> <p><b>Approved/Effective</b> – by checking this box (default), only the approved and effective OPSL Notes are returned.</p>

3. Select **Search**. The results of the specified search are displayed (see [Exhibit 76](#)).

**Exhibit 76. Search OPSL Note Results**

**Search OPSL Notes Results**

Number of OPSL Note(s): 201 Clear Filters ↓

Issuing Road	OPSL ...	Effecti...	Allow ...	Sta...	Cancell...	Info Only ...	Roads Inv...	Cause	Commo...	Origin	Destina...	State/...	Patrons
AKMD	<a href="#">AKMD...</a>	07/27/...	YES	Effe...		NO		Weight restrictions	All	Any	AKMD-...	AR	Except 0...
AN	<a href="#">ANAG...</a>	02/01/...	NO	Effe...		NO	CSXT	Other - specify	All	Any	AN-100...	FL	All
AO	<a href="#">AOAO...</a>	10/12/...	NO	Effe...		NO		Other - specify	All	AO-784...	Any	WV	All
BGS	<a href="#">BGSAL...</a>	07/19/...	NO	Effe...		NO		Commodity restrictions	480000...	Any	Any	Any	All
BNSF	<a href="#">BNSFA...</a>	11/06/...	NO	Effe...		NO		Other - specify	All	Any	Any	TX, +	All
BNSF	<a href="#">BNSFA...</a>	01/30/...	NO	Effe...		NO		Commodity restrictions	0119311	Any	Any	Any	All
BNSF	<a href="#">BNSFA...</a>	05/24/...	NO	Effe...		NO		Other - specify	All	Any	BNSF-2...	MO	044573...

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4. Select the **OPSL Note No** link to view its full details. The OPSL Note Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 77](#)).

**Exhibit 77. OPSL Note Details**

**OPSL Note Details**

**General OPSL Note Information**

OPSL Note No: AOA02505  
 Effective Date: 10-12-2020      Published Date: 10-12-2020      Supplement Number:  
 Status: Effective      Issuing Road: AO - APPALACHIAN & OHIO RAILROAD INC  
 Allow Permits: No      Allow Admin Issued Permits: No      Bypass Local Waybills: No  
 Tier 2 Effective Date: 10-12-2020  
 Include All Empty Cars: Yes      Min Car Allowed:      Max Car Allowed:  
 OPSL Note Contact Email:  
 Roads Invited to Participate:

**Cause**

Cause: Other - specify  
 Cause Detail: Bridge out of Service

**Commodity**

Target All Commodities

**Geography**

Include These Locations:

ORIGIN				Bi-Directional	DESTINATION			
Roadmark	FSAC	Station Name	State/Province	Y	Roadmark	FSAC	Station Name	State/Province
AO	70564	COWEN	WV			*		
AO	78420	EVERGREEN	WV					

**Equipment**

UMLER Equipment Types: Target All UMLER Equipment Types  
 Total Weight on Rail: No Weight Restrictions  
 Clearance Code: No Clearance Code

**Waybill Parties**

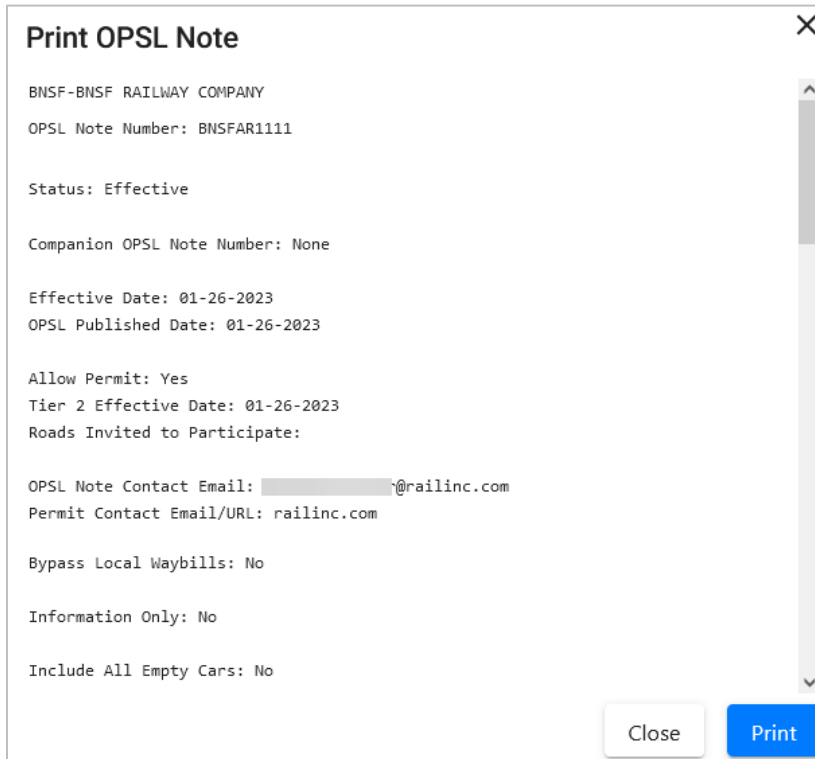
Target All Waybill Parties


Return    Export As XML    Printable View    Resend XML

5. Perform one of the following actions (the available actions may vary depending on your permissions):
  - a) Select **Clone** to clone the displayed OPSL Note (see [Cloning OPSL Notes](#)).

Select **Printable View** to display a printable version of the OPSL Note (see [Exhibit 78](#)).  
 Select **Print** to print out the displayed OPSL Note or select **Close** to cancel the printing.

**Exhibit 78. Print OPSL Note**



- b) Select **Export As XML** to export the displayed OPSL Note in XML format. See [Exporting OPSL Notes as XML](#).
- c) Select **Amend** to issue an amendment to the displayed OPSL Note. See [Amending OPSL Notes](#).
- d) Select **Cancel** to cancel the OPSL Note. See [Cancelling OPSL Notes](#).
- e) Select **Request Permit** to request a permit for the OPSL Note. See [Requesting OPSL Note Permits](#).
- f) Select **Admin Issue Permit** to issue an OPSL Note Permit as an administrator. See [Review the information about the](#) single permit. Perform one of the following tasks:
  - c) Select the down arrow in the top right open Search Permits and enter another permit number and perform another search.
  - d) Select the Download icon |  | to open or save your search results in a spreadsheet.
- g) Administering OPSL Note Permit Creation.
- h) Select **Show Audit Trail** to view a history of the displayed OPSL Note record. See [Searching Audit Logs from the Tools Menu](#).
- i) Select **View Journal** to display any journal entry associated with the OPSL Note (See View/Create a Journal Entry). See [Viewing and Creating OPSL Note Journal Entries](#).



- j) Select **Return** to return to the Search OPSL Notes Results page. You can also use the back button in your browser to return to your search results.

## Searching OPSL Notes – Advanced Search

Use the following procedure to search and view OPSL Notes using advanced search options to narrow the parameters of the search:

1. Select **OPSL Notes > Search OPSL Notes**. The OPSL Notes Search page is displayed. Select the toggle button next to **Advanced Search** in the top right corner to reveal additional search options (see [Exhibit 79](#)).

**Note:** Select the toggle button again to return to the Simple Search and hide the advanced search fields.

**Exhibit 79. Search OPSL Notes – Advanced Search**

**Search OPSL Notes**

Simple Search  **Advanced Search**

OPSL Note No

Issuing Road

Created By

Status:

- All
- Amended
- Cancelled
- Approved/Effective**

Effective Start Date Effective End Date

Exclude Target All results for criteria:

- Commodity
- Waybill Parties
- Umler Equipment
- Geography

Permit Number

Cause: Any Cause

Participating Road

Participating Roads added stations:  Yes  No  **Both**

Commodity:

Waybill Parties:

UMLER Equipment Type Code:  **All Equipment Type Codes**  Select Equipment Type Codes  Equipment Type Groups

Geography:  **All FSAC and States**  FSAC  State/Province  Interchange

Cancel Search

2. Complete the available input fields:

Field	Description
<b>OPSL Note No.</b>	<p>An <b>OPSL tariff note number</b> is 10 characters in length and consists of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuing railroad road mark</li> <li>• OPSL issue indicator; the second digit of the alpha code is incremented by the next letter of the alphabet for each year. “AB” equals the 2007 edition, “AC” equals the 2008 edition, and “AJ” equals the 2015 edition.</li> <li>• 4-digit Tariff Note item number</li> </ul> <p>Example of a tariff note number: BNSF – AB – 3200</p>
<b>Issuing Road</b>	Enter the road mark or use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to the text box.
<b>Effective Date Range</b>	Use the calendar tools to specify a start and end date to filter for the Effective Start Date listed in the OPSL Note.
<b>Exclude Target All Results for Criteria</b>	Select one or more sections of the OPSL Note to remove Target All results from appearing in the search. For example, selecting Commodity may still include one or more commodities, but will not include any OPSL Notes that target all commodities (where All appears in the Commodity column).
<b>Permit Number</b>	Permit numbers are 10 characters in length and consist of a randomly generated combination of letters and numbers (for example, A887659944).
<b>Created by</b>	Single Sign-On User ID of the creator of the OPSL Note.
<b>Cause</b>	Choose a specific cause from the drop down.
<b>Participating Road</b>	Road invited to participate in the issued OPSL Note.
<b>Participating Roads Added Stations</b>	<p>Select <b>Yes</b> to show in the search results any OPSL Note where the participating road has added a station to the OPSL Note.</p> <p>Select <b>No</b> to show in the search results any OPSL Note where the participating road has not added stations to the OPSL Note.</p> <p>Select <b>Both</b> to show in the search results any OPSL Note where the participating road has or has not added stations to the OPSL Note.</p>

Field	Description
<b>Status</b>	Check the appropriate box (All, Amended, Cancelled, Approved/Effective).
<b>Commodity</b>	Enter up to three specific STCC's or use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to the text box.
<b>Waybill Parties</b>	Enter the specific CIF Numbers (all 13 characters) or use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to the text box.
<b>Umler Equipment Type Code</b>	Choose one of these options: <b>All Equipment Type Codes</b> – Include all equipment types. <b>Select Equipment Type Codes</b> - Enter standard Umler Equipment Type Codes or use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to the text box. <b>Equipment Type Groups</b> – Select the checkboxes for the equipment types that you want to include.
<b>Geography</b>	Choose one of these options: <b>All FSAC and States</b> – Include all geographic locations. <b>FSAC</b> – Choosing this option displays text boxes with the ability to Enter up to three specific FSACs. Use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to each text box. <b>State/Province</b> – Choosing this option displays a drop down with the ability to select a specific state/province. <b>Interchange</b> – Choosing this option displays text boxes that enable you to search for up to three specific interchanges. Use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to each text box. Enter an asterisk (*) as a wildcard for either the origin or destination of the Junction Code.

3. Select **Search**. The results of the specified search are displayed.

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## Issuing OPSL Notes

Use the following procedure to issue a new OPSL Note:

1. Contact Railinc Product Support and request an OPSL number.

## Working with OPSL Notes

2. Select **OPSL Notes > Issue OPSL Note**. The Issue Restricted Movement OPSL Note page is displayed (see [Exhibit 80](#)).

### Exhibit 80. Issue Restricted Movement OPSL Note

#### Issue Restricted Movement OPSL Note

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##### General OPSL Note Information

OPSL Note No:   Information Only OPSL Note Status: New

Issuing Road \*  Effective Date  Published Date  Supplement Number

Allow Permits   Allow Admin Issued Permits Bypass Local Waybills

OPSL Note Contact Email \*  Permit Contact Email/Url

Include All Empty Cars

Participating Roads  Notes to Participating Roads

Min Car Allowed  Max Car Allowed

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##### Cause

Cause \*

Cause Detail

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##### Notes

Notes

(Enter exact verbiage in the Notes text box that is listed in the OPSL Note Directory. This will be reviewed for accuracy by the AAR/Railinc Admin.)

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##### Commodity

Target Select Commodities  Target All Commodities

Include These Commodities

⋮

**Equipment**

Target Select UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target All UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target Select UMLER Equipment Type Groups

Target Select UMLER Railcars   
  Target Select Intermodal Equipment   
  Target Select UMLER Field/Status

**Include These Umler Equipment Type Groups**

<input type="checkbox"/> A - Equipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> F - Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> K - Equipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> Q - Lower Profile Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> U - Intermodal Containers
<input type="checkbox"/> B - Unequipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> G - Unequipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> L - Special Types	<input type="checkbox"/> R - Refrigerator/RBL's	<input type="checkbox"/> V - Automobile Multi-levels
<input type="checkbox"/> C - Covered Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> H - Unequipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> P - Conventional Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> S - Stack Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> Z - Intermodal Trailers
<input type="checkbox"/> E - Equipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> J - Gondola GT		<input type="checkbox"/> T - Tanks	

**Equipment Characteristics**

Add Equipment Axle Count & Length Conditions to Restrict Movement

Total Weight on Rail:  - No Weight Restrictions -  - Select a Quantity -  lbs.

Clearance Code  
- No Clearance Codes -

**Waybill Parties**

Target Select Waybill Parties   
  Target All Waybill Parties

Include waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)   
  Exclude waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)

Include  of These Waybill Parties:

CIF  + -  Shipper  Consignee  Care of party  Ship From  Pick Up

Save Draft
Issue OPSL Note

3. Complete the available input fields:

Field	Description
<b>OPSL Note No.</b>	<p>An <b>OPSL tariff note number</b> is 10 characters in length and consists of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issuing railroad road mark</li> <li>▪ OPSL issue indicator; the second digit of the alpha code is incremented by the next letter of the alphabet for each year. “AB” equals the 2007 edition, “AC” equals the 2008 edition, and “AJ” equals the 2015 edition.</li> <li>▪ 4-digit Tariff Note item number provided by Railinc Corp</li> </ul> <p>Here is an example of a tariff note number: BNSF – AB – 3200</p>

Field	Description
<b>Information Only OPSL Note</b>	A pop-up box explains this is an information only OPSL Note. Select <b>OK</b> to close the pop-up. Checking this only serves as a notice of intent. No waybills are matched, or EDI 824 messages issued. An email is sent to affected parties.
<b>Issued By</b>	Enter road mark or use the lookup feature by selecting the magnifying glass icon next to the text box.
<b>Effective Date</b>	Enter the effective date as it appears on the OPSL book or supplement where the note appears.
<b>Published Date</b>	Enter the published date (issued date) as it appears on the OPSL book or supplement where the note appears.
<b>Supplement Number</b>	If the note is published in an OPSL supplement, enter the supplement number in which it appears.
<b>Allow Permits</b>	To allow permits to the issued OPSL Note, select <b>Yes</b> , otherwise select <b>No</b> . When <b>Yes</b> is selected, the <b>Permit Contact Email/Url</b> field appears
<b>Allow Admin Issued Permits</b>	Check this box to allow admin issued permits. This option is only available for users with Embargo Officer permissions for the issuing road and can be selected when <b>Allow Permits</b> is <b>No</b> .
<b>Bypass Local Waybills</b>	Select <b>Yes</b> or <b>No</b> to determine if the OPSL Note should bypass local waybills.
<b>OPSL Note Contact Email</b>	Enter the OPSL note contact's email address.
<b>Permit Contact Email/URL</b>	Field appears when <b>Yes</b> is selected for Allow Permits. Enter the permit contact's email address or website link.
<b>Include All Empty Cars</b>	Select to include empty car waybills in the OPSL Note.

Field	Description
<b>Participating Roads</b>	Allows a road issuing an embargo to invite other roads to participate in the OPSL Note. Enter one or more road marks. As needed, use the magnifying glass link to look up reporting marks (see <a href="#">Exhibit 81</a> ).

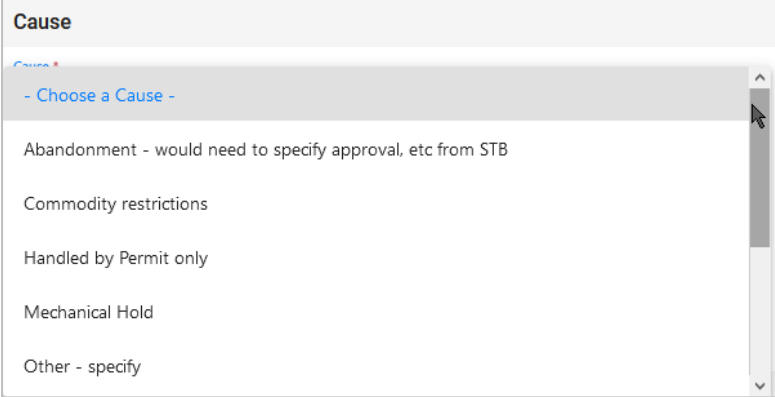
**Exhibit 81. Roadmark Lookup**

The screenshot shows a 'Roadmark Lookup' dialog box with the following details:

- Instructions:**
  - Minimum characters required for fields: Roadmark 2, Description 3
  - Roadmark matches are exact. Use \* wildcard when uncertain. (example: BNSF, BNS\*)
- Search Fields:**
  - Roadmark: BNSF
  - Description: (empty)
  - Owner: (empty)
- Buttons:** Clear, Search
- Results:** Number of Roadmark(s): 1, Clear Filters
- Table:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Select All	Roadmark	Description	Owner
<input type="checkbox"/>	BNSF	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	BNSF
- Bottom Buttons:** Close, Select

<b>Notes to Participating Roads</b>	Enter free form notes up to 4000 characters to invite roads to participate in the created OPSL Note. Notes to Participating Roads are emailed to “participating” roads when the OPSL Note is issued. Notes cannot be seen by any other roads.
<b>Min Car Allowed</b>	Allows you to specify the minimum car count allowed.
<b>Max Car Allowed</b>	Allows you to specify the maximum car count allowed.

Field	Description
<b>*Cause</b>	Use the drop-down field to select the required cause of the OPSL Note (see <a href="#">Exhibit 82</a> ).  <b>Exhibit 82. Choose a Cause</b> 
<b>Cause Details</b>	Use this field to explain the reason for the issued embargo (4000 characters).  Government, Other, Weather and Weight must have an explanation included in the <b>Cause Detail</b> box.
<b>Notes</b>	Enter exact verbiage in the Notes text box that is listed in the OPSL Note Directory (up to 255 characters). This is reviewed for accuracy by the AAR/Railinc Admin.



Field	Description
Commodity	<p>Select either to target your OPSL Note for selected or all commodities (see <a href="#">Exhibit 83</a>).</p>

**Exhibit 83. Target Select Commodities**

The screenshot shows a form titled 'Commodity'. It has two radio button options: 'Target Select Commodities' (which is selected) and 'Target All Commodities'. Below the options is a text input field labeled 'Include These Commodities' with a magnifying glass icon on the right side.

**Target Select Commodities** is the default option. Use this option to include only certain commodities. Specify the STCCs in the **Include These Commodities** field. Specify the 7-digit STCCs with a comma separating multiple entries. STCC ranges are entered with the beginning STCC entered, then a dash (-), followed by the ending STCC in the range. Select the magnifying glass to search for STCCs (see [Exhibit 84](#)).

**Exhibit 84. Target All Commodities**

The screenshot shows a form titled 'Commodity'. It has two radio button options: 'Target Select Commodities' and 'Target All Commodities' (which is selected). Below the options is a text input field labeled 'Except These Commodities' with a magnifying glass icon on the right side.

Use the **Target All Commodities** option to include all commodities or all except those specified by STCC in the **Except These Commodities** field. Use the available input field to specify the 7-digit STCC(s) with a comma separating multiple entries. STCC ranges are entered with the beginning STCC entered, then a dash (-), followed by the ending STCC in the range. Select the magnifying glass to search for STCCs.

Geography	<p>The Geography section provides you a variety of ways to specify the locations that need to be included in the OPSL Note (see <a href="#">Exhibit 85</a>).</p>
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**Exhibit 85. Geography**

**Geography**

- (To just embargo all traffic in and out of one station, enter station in FROM box and Select Bi-Directional checkbox)
- (When issuing an Embargo or OPSL Note and Target All Locations option is chosen then the interchange pairs in the template will be suppressed and not used.)

Include These Locations     Target All Locations

**Origin**

FSAC ▾

**Destination**

Bi-Directional FSAC ▾

+

Exclude These Locations

**Origin**

FSAC

**Destination**

Bi-Directional FSAC

Include These Interchanges     Target All Interchanges

OR ▾

Choose a Geography Template.

BNSF KC

FSRR

GREAT RIVER RAILROAD

Greenville Branch Ayer MA

Hurricane Gustav

View Details

[\[Create Geography Template\]](#)

**Note:** For instructions on using the magnifying glass with a minus sign on it (also used to remove equipment applied to an OPSL Note), see [Removing Geographic Locations from OPSL Notes](#).

**Include These Locations/Target All Locations**      Select one of these radio buttons to determine if the OPSL Note should target all locations except the ones you specify in the exclude section or specific FSACs or States. Selecting **Target All Locations** removes the options to specify Interchanges or a Geography Template.

**Origin/Destination**      Use these fields to specify an origin and/or destination location (FSAC or State) for the OPSL Note. Select the Bi-Directional checkbox to have the specified locations applied as both origin and destination. Use the available magnifying glass icons to look up FSACS or State abbreviations.

As necessary use the plus and trash can icons to add additional entry fields to specify multiple Origin/Destination pairs.

**Exclude These Locations**      Mark this checkbox to specify FSAC locations that should be excluded from the OPSL Note. There are additional input fields here to specify origin and destination exceptions. Additionally, magnifying glass look icons are provided and a Bi-Directional checkbox is available.

**Include These Interchanges**

This checkbox allows you to define the Interchange criteria that will be used when evaluating OPSL Note traffic.

The OR option means that when waybills are compared against the OPSL Note the route will be considered along with the Origin and/or Destination (an Interchange can be entered without a Destination). If the waybill route indicates the specified interchange, the waybill will be stopped by this OPSL Note.

The AND means a waybill must contain the Origin/Destination as specified on the OPSL Note and must contain the Interchange in its route in order to be stopped by the OPSL Note.

**Choose a Geography Template**

If you want to create an OPSL Note based on an established geography template, select one listed in the drop-down window. A geography template allows you to include locations related to other OPSL Notes.

Select Create a Geography Template to initiate the process of creating a geography template (see [Creating Geographic Templates](#)).

Select one of the radio buttons below to determine the equipment to be affected by the OPSL

**Target Select Umler Equipment Types**

Select the **Target Select Umler Equipment Types** radio button if the OPSL Note should target specific Umler Equipment Types. An input box appears allowing you to enter this information (see [Exhibit 86](#)).

**Exhibit 86. Target Select Umler Equipment Types**

The screenshot shows a form titled "Equipment" with four radio button options. The first option, "Target Select UMLER Equipment Types", is selected. The other options are "Target All UMLER Equipment Types", "Target Select UMLER Railcars", and "Target Select Intermodal Equipment". Below these options is a text input field labeled "Include These UMLER Equipment Types" with a search icon in the bottom right corner.

**Target All Umler Equipment Types**

Select **Target All Umler Equipment Types** to include all equipment types. An input box is displayed allowing you to specify any exceptions.

**Target Select Umler Equipment Type Groups**

Select **Target Select Equipment Type Groups** to choose one or more equipment types from the listed groups (see [Exhibit 87](#)).

**Exhibit 87. Include these Umler Equipment Type Groups**

**Equipment**

Target Select UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target All UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target Select UMLER Equipment Type Groups

Target Select UMLER Railcars   
  Target Select Intermodal Equipment   
  Target Select UMLER Field/Status

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**Include These Umler Equipment Type Groups**

<input type="checkbox"/> A - Equipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> F - Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> K - Equipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> Q - Lower Profile Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> U - Intermodal C
<input type="checkbox"/> B - Unequipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> G - Unequipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> L - Special Types	<input type="checkbox"/> R - Refrigerator/RBL's	<input type="checkbox"/> V - Automobile Levels
<input type="checkbox"/> C - Covered Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> H - Unequipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> P - Conventional Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> S - Stack Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> Z - Intermodal Tr
<input type="checkbox"/> E - Equipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> J - Gondola GT		<input type="checkbox"/> T - Tanks	

**Target Select Umler Railcars**

Select **Target Select Umler Railcars** to enter a specific railcar, a list of railcars, or a range of railcars that are restricted by this OPSL Note (see [Exhibit 88](#)). For example: UP10000 for a single car or UP10000-10020 for a range. Multiple cars must be separated by commas.

**Exhibit 88. Target Select Umler Railcars**

**Equipment**

Target Select UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target All UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target Select UMLER Equipment Type Groups

Target Select UMLER Railcars   
  Target Select Intermodal Equipment   
  Target Select UMLER Field/Status

Include These UMLER Railcars    Except These UMLER Railcars   
 Examples:  
 UP10000 for a single car  
 UP10000-10020 for range  
 All other formats are invalid  
 Multiple cars must be separated by commas

**Target Select Intermodal**

Select **Target Select Intermodal** in order to list a specific piece of Intermodal equipment, a list of Intermodal equipment, or a range of Intermodal equipment IDs that are restricted by this OPSL Note (see [Exhibit 89](#)). For example: UP10000 for a single car or UP10000-10020 for a range. Multiple cars must be separated by commas.

**Exhibit 89. Target Select Intermodal**

**Equipment**

Target Select UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target All UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target Select UMLER Equipment Type Groups

Target Select UMLER Railcars   
  Target Select Intermodal Equipment   
  Target Select UMLER Field/Status

Include These Intermodal Equipment    Except These Intermodal Equipment   
 Examples:  
 UP10000 for a single car  
 UP10000-10020 for range  
 All other formats are invalid  
 Multiple cars must be separated by commas

**Target Select Umler Field/Status**

If you select **Target Select Umler Field/Status**, you can then select the specific listed Umler Element. Then specify the status of the element (not qualified, qualified, or ultra-qualified). See [Exhibit 90](#).

**Exhibit 90. Target Select Umler Field/Status**

UMLER Element Name	Code	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Refrigeration Emission Standard For Box Cars	B345	Not Qualified
<input type="checkbox"/> TC-PD-34 System Generated for Tank Cars	B527	Restricted

**Total Weight on Rail**

By default, the drop-down indicates no weight restrictions. If you need to specify a weight restriction, use the drop-down to select Equal to or Greater than. Additional fields appear allowing you to specify a weight quantity, as well as checkboxes allowing you to specify weight conditions (Gross Weight, Net Weight, etc.). An additional input field labeled **Except These Cars** allows you to indicate if certain cars should be exempt from the weight restriction (see [Exhibit 91](#)).

**Exhibit 91. Total Weight on Rail**

**Clearance Code**

Select a listed clearance code from the available drop-down, if needed.

**Target Select / All Embargo All Waybill Parties**

Select the **Target Select Waybill Parties** option if you want the OPSL Note restricted to specified patrons (see [Exhibit 92](#)). When **Target Select Waybill Parties** is selected, choose to include or exclude waybills with missing waybill parties (waybills missing one or more CIFs).

With **Target All Waybill Parties** selected, an exception option appears, allowing you to embargo all waybill parties except certain specified parties.

**Exhibit 92. Target Select or All Waybill Parties**

Specify the type of waybill party (shipper, consignee, care of party, ship from, or pick up) then enter the specific **CIF** for that patron in the available field. Use the plus or trash can icons to add or remove additional waybill parties.

Select to include **Any** or **All** CIFs listed. When **All** is selected, all CIFs for each patron listed here must be listed on the waybill to receive an EDI 824 hold.

4. Select **Issue OPSL Note** to issue the OPSL Note. Or, select **Save A Draft** to save your work in progress.

If all validation rules pass after selecting to issue an OPSL Note, a confirmation message and a warning message are displayed (see [Exhibit 93](#)). The warning message is displayed alerting you of any roads that may need to be added as participants.

**Exhibit 93. OPSL Note Confirmation and Warning Message**

5. Perform one of the following steps:
  - a) Select **Edit** to edit the OPSL Note prior to issuing it.
  - b) Select **Issue OPSL Note** to issue the OPSL Note.
  - c) Select **Return** to return to the previous page.

## Viewing and Creating OPSL Note Journal Entries

**Note:** This process is for Permit Officers.

A journal entry is a free form text field that allows you to enter additional information about an OPSL Note. You can only view journal entries for your own road.

Use the following procedure to view the journal and create a journal entry for an OPSL Note:

1. Select **OPSL Notes > Search OPSL Notes**. The Search OPSL Notes page is displayed. Search for an OPSL Note with a journal entry that you want to view, or search for an OPSL Note for which you want to create a new journal entry.
2. Select the OPSL Note Number of the OPSL Note with a journal entry that you want to view. The OPSL Note Details page is displayed.
3. Select the **View Journal** button. The Journal Entries page is displayed (see [Exhibit 94](#)).

**Exhibit 94. Journal Entries**

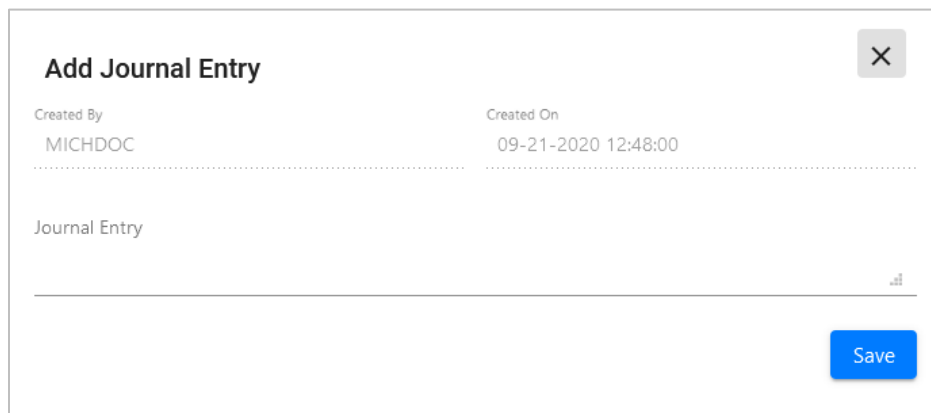
The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Journal Entries". At the top right, it displays "Number of Journal entries: 1" and a "Clear Filters" button. Below this is a table with the following data:

Created By	Created On	Journal Entry
MICHDOC	09-23-2020 12:12:52	Adding journal entry

At the bottom right of the page, there is a "Return" button and a pagination indicator showing "1 to 1 of 1" and "Page 1 of 1".

4. Select the **Add Journal Entry** button to add a new journal entry. A time stamped line is added to the journal allowing for input (see [Exhibit 95](#)).

### *Exhibit 95. OPSL Note Details Add Journal Entry*



The screenshot shows a modal window titled "Add Journal Entry" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The form contains the following fields and elements:

- Created By:** MICHDOC
- Created On:** 09-21-2020 12:48:00
- Journal Entry:** A large text area for entering the journal entry details.
- Save:** A blue button at the bottom right to save the entry.

5. Complete the journal entry and select **Save**.

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## Amending OPSL Notes

Use the following procedure to amend an OPSL Note:

1. Select **OPSL Notes > Search OPSL Notes**. The OPSL Notes Search page is displayed. Search for the OPSL Note that you want to amend (see [Searching OPSL Notes](#)).
2. Select the **OPSL Note No** link to view its full details. The OPSL Note Details page is displayed.
3. Select **Amend**. The Amend OPSL Note page is displayed (see [Exhibit 96](#)).



Exhibit 96. Amend OPSL Note

### Amend OPSL Note

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#### General OPSL Note Information

OPSL Note No: BNSFAK1115	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Only OPSL Note	Amendment No.: 7	Status: Effective
Issuing Road: BNSF	Effective Date: 05-06-2016	Published Date: 05-06-2016	Supplement Number
Allow Permits Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allow Admin Issued Permits	Bypass Local Waybills No	
OPSL Note Contact Email *	Permit Contact Email/Url		

Include All Empty Cars

Participating Roads	Notes to Participating Roads

<input type="checkbox"/> Min Car Allowed	<input type="checkbox"/> Max Car Allowed
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Cause	Notes
Cause * Other - specify	Notes
track conditions	Due to track conditions, we are no longer able to deliver rail traffic to these stations.
	(Enter exact verbiage in the Notes text box that is listed in the OPSL Note Directory. This will be reviewed for accuracy by the AAR/Railinc Admin.)

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#### Commodity

Target Select Commodities  Target All Commodities

Except These Commodities

**Equipment**

Target Select UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target All UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target Select UMLER Equipment Type Groups  
 Target Select UMLER Railcars   
  Target Select Intermodal Equipment   
  Target Select UMLER Field/Status

Except These UMLER Equipment Types

**Equipment Characteristics**

Add Equipment Axle Count & Length Conditions to Restrict Movement

Total Weight on Rail: Greater than Other 178000 lbs.

Axle Count: 4 Less than 35 ft 00 in & - No Length Restrictions - 35 ft 00 in

Weight Conditions Used to Restrict Movement:

Gross Weight   
  Net Weight   
  Estimated Weight   
  UMLER Total Weight On Rail

Except These Cars

Clearance Code

- No Clearance Codes -

**Waybill Parties**

Target Select Waybill Parties   
  Target All Waybill Parties

Except These Waybill Parties:

CIF

Shipper   
  Consignee   
  Care of party   
  Ship From   
  Pick Up

**Current Amendment Reason**

Amendment Reason \*

- No Amendment Reason -

Amendment Detail

Issue Amendment

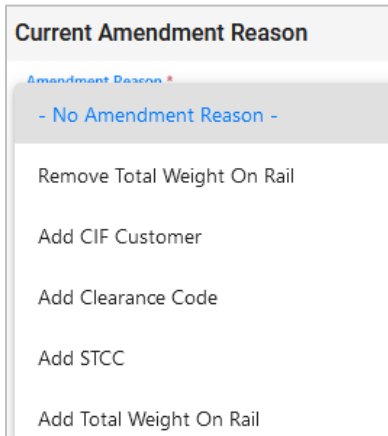
4. Modify the OPSL Note as needed. Scroll through the available drop-down list and select an amendment reason (see [Exhibit 97](#)). Use the blank field below the list to elaborate, as needed.

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**Note:** Deselecting the **Allow Admin Issued Permits** checkbox when **Allow Permits** is “No” will cancel all active permits for this Embargo.

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**Exhibit 97. OPSL Note Amendment Reason**



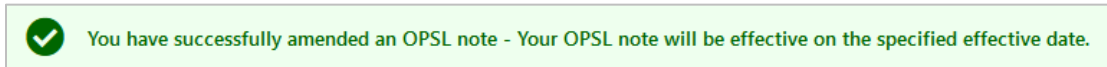
Current Amendment Reason

Amendment Reason \*

- No Amendment Reason -
- Remove Total Weight On Rail
- Add CIF Customer
- Add Clearance Code
- Add STCC
- Add Total Weight On Rail

5. Select the **Issue Amendment** button. A message is displayed informing you that the OPSL Note has been amended (see [Exhibit 98](#)).

**Exhibit 98. OPSL Note Successfully Amended**



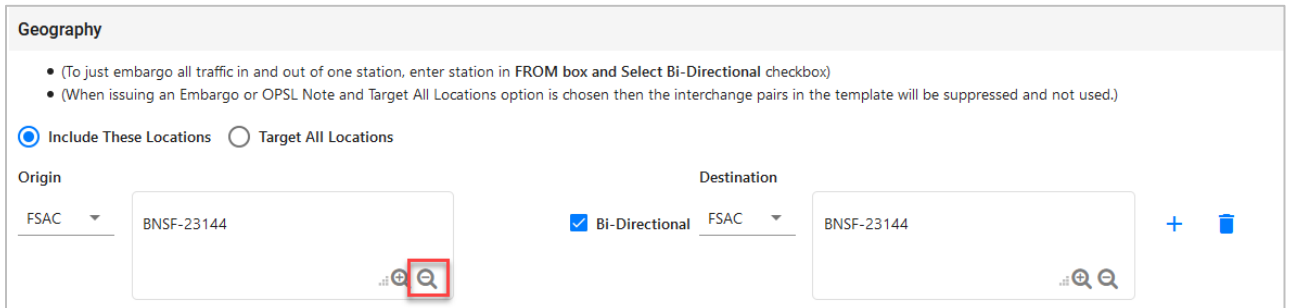
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## Removing Geographic Locations from OPSL Notes

Use the following procedure to remove geographic locations from an OPSL Note:

1. Select that you want to amend an OPSL Note (see [Amending OPSL Notes](#)).
2. In the Geography section of the Amend OPSL Note page, select the corresponding magnifying glass with a minus sign on it next to the locations that you want removed (see [Exhibit 99](#)).

**Exhibit 99. Magnifying Glass to Remove Stations**



Geography

- (To just embargo all traffic in and out of one station, enter station in FROM box and Select Bi-Directional checkbox)
- (When issuing an Embargo or OPSL Note and Target All Locations option is chosen then the interchange pairs in the template will be suppressed and not used.)

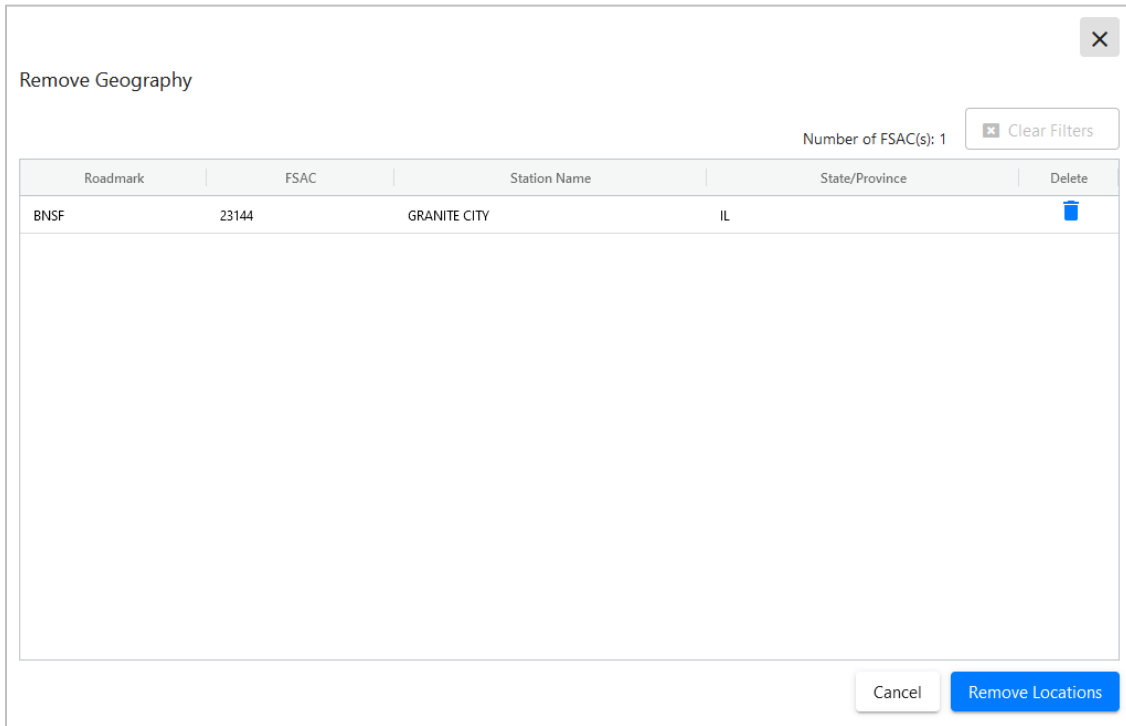
Include These Locations  Target All Locations

Origin: FSAC BNSF-23144

Destination:  Bi-Directional FSAC BNSF-23144

The Remove Geography page is displayed (see [Exhibit 100](#)).

**Exhibit 100. Remove Geography**



3. Select the trash can icon next to the location for the location you want removed.
4. Confirm your choice to remove any selected locations by selecting the **Remove Locations** button. The OPSL Note page is redisplayed with the indicated locations removed. Select **Cancel** if you want to cancel the removal process.

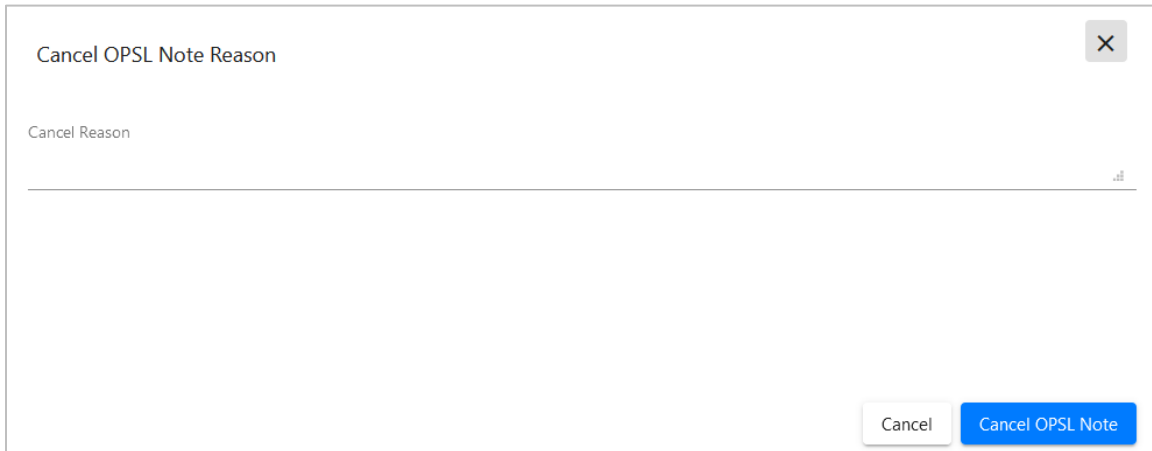
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## Canceling OPSL Notes

Use the following procedure to cancel an OPSL Note:

1. Select **OPSL Notes > Search OPSL Notes**. The OPSL Notes Search page is displayed. Search for the OPSL Note that you want to amend (see [Searching OPSL Notes](#)).
2. Select the **OPSL Note No** link to view its full details. The OPSL Note Details page is displayed.
3. Select **Cancel**. A pop-up box displays asking for you to specify the reason for canceling the OPSL Note (see [Exhibit 101](#)).

**Exhibit 101. Cancel OPSL Note Reason**



Cancel OPSL Note Reason

Cancel Reason

Cancel Cancel OPSL Note

4. Enter a reason for canceling the note. Select the **Cancel OPSL Note** button. A message is displayed letting you know that the OPSL Note has been cancelled (see [Exhibit 102](#)).

**Exhibit 102. OPSL Note Successfully Cancelled**



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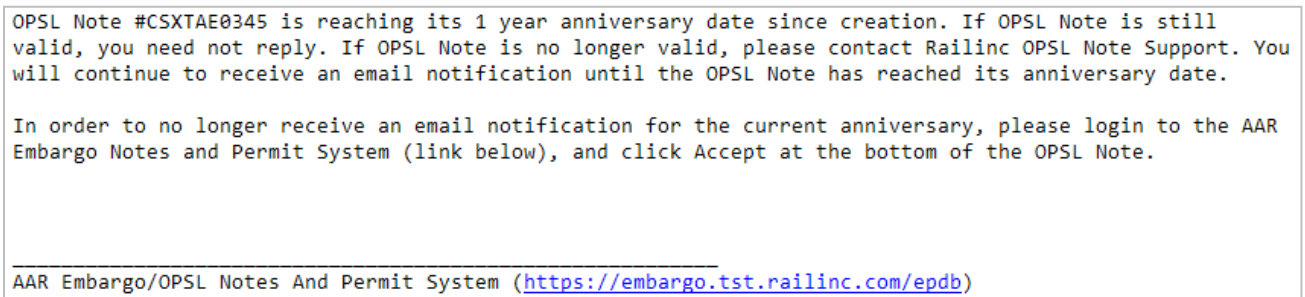
## Accepting the Annual Renewal of OPSL Notes

Renewal reminder email notifications are sent to the issuer of OPSL Notes starting seven days before the one-year anniversary of its creation. These reminders allow the issuer to review the OPSL Note to ensure it remains accurate. Emails are sent each day until the anniversary date, but aren't sent after that time. In response to receiving a notification email, the application allows you to review the OPSL Note and accept it if remains valid. This stops the sending of emails until the following year.

Use the following procedure to accept the annual renewal of an OPSL Note:

1. From the received notification email, select the link to the embargo application and login (see [Exhibit 103](#)).

**Exhibit 103. OPSL Note Annual Renewal Reminder Email**



OPSL Note #CSXTAE0345 is reaching its 1 year anniversary date since creation. If OPSL Note is still valid, you need not reply. If OPSL Note is no longer valid, please contact Railinc OPSL Note Support. You will continue to receive an email notification until the OPSL Note has reached its anniversary date.

In order to no longer receive an email notification for the current anniversary, please login to the AAR Embargo Notes and Permit System (link below), and click Accept at the bottom of the OPSL Note.

AAR Embargo/OPSL Notes And Permit System (<https://embargo.tst.railinc.com/epdb>)

2. Find the specific OPSL Note (**OPSL Notes > Search OPSL Notes**).
3. From the Search OPSL Note Results page, select the hyperlink of the displayed OPSL Note to view its details. The OPSL Note Details page is displayed.
4. Review the OPSL Note to ensure that it remains accurate. If so, scroll to the bottom of the displayed note and select the **Accept** button.

## Viewing Pending/Draft/Rejected OPSL Notes

Use the following procedure to view pending, draft, and rejected versions of OPSL Notes:

1. Select **OPSL Notes > View Pending OPSL Notes**. The View Pending OPSL Notes page is displayed (see [Exhibit 104](#)).

**Exhibit 104. View Pending OPSL Notes**

The screenshot shows the 'View Pending OPSL Notes' interface. At the top, there is a 'Status Filter' dropdown menu set to 'Pending' and a 'Number of Pending OPSL Note(s): 1' indicator with a 'Clear Filters' button. Below this is a table with the following data:

Road	OPSL Note No	Issue Date	Last Modified Time	Status
BNSF	<a href="#">BNSFAK0112</a>	02/29/2016	12:57:26	Pending Amend

At the bottom right of the page, there is a 'Return' button and a pagination indicator showing '1 to 1 of 1' and 'Page 1 of 1'.

2. By default, pending OPSL Notes are displayed. To view draft, rejected, or all OPSL Notes of these statuses, use the Status Filter drop down.
3. To view the details of a listed OPSL Note, select the **OPSL Note No** link of one listed. The OPSL Note Details page is displayed.
4. To complete and issue a draft or pending OPSL Note, select the **Edit** button. The fields become available for inputs and edits. Complete and edit the fields as needed.

5. To complete the issuing process, select the **Issue OPSL Note** button (see [Issuing OPSL Notes](#)). Select **Save Draft** to save any edits but not issue the OPSL Note.

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## Cloning OPSL Notes

Use the following procedure to clone OPSL Notes:

1. Select **OPSL Notes > Search OPSL Notes**. The OPSL Notes Search page is displayed.
2. Select the **OPSL Note No** link for the one you want to clone. The OPSL Note Detail page is displayed.
3. Select the **Clone** button. The Issue Restricted Movement OPSL Note page is displayed with fields pre-filled with information from the selected OPSL Note (see [Exhibit 105](#)).

Exhibit 105. Issue Restricted Movement OPSL Note

**Issue Restricted Movement OPSL Note**

**General OPSL Note Information**

OPSL Note No: BNSF - AR -  Information Only OPSL Note **Status:** New

Issuing Road \* BNSF Effective Date 04-26-2023 Published Date 04-26-2023 Supplement Number

Allow Permits Yes  Allow Admin Issued Permits Bypass Local Waybills - Choose Yes/No -

OPSL Note Contact Email \* \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Contact Email/Url \_\_\_\_\_

Include All Empty Cars

Participating Roads \_\_\_\_\_ Notes to Participating Roads \_\_\_\_\_

Min Car Allowed  Max Car Allowed

**Cause** **Notes**

Cause \* - Choose a Cause -

Cause Detail \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

(Enter exact verbiage in the Notes text box that is listed in the OPSL Note Directory. This will be reviewed for accuracy by the AAR/Railinc Admin.)

**Commodity**

Target Select Commodities  Target All Commodities

Include These Commodities \_\_\_\_\_



# Working with OPSL Notes

**Geography**

- (To just embargo all traffic in and out of one station, enter station in **FROM box and Select Bi-Directional** checkbox)
- (When issuing an Embargo or OPSL Note and Target All Locations option is chosen then the interchange pairs in the template will be suppressed and not used.)

Include These Locations     Target All Locations

**Origin**

FSAC

**Destination**

Bi-Directional FSAC

Exclude These Locations

**Origin**

FSAC

**Destination**

Bi-Directional FSAC

Include These Interchanges     Target All Interchanges

OR

**Choose a Geography Template.**

AB FSACs  
 BC FSACs  
 FSRR  
 GREAT RIVER RAILROAD  
 Greenville Branch Ayer MA

[View Details](#)

[\[Create Geography Template\]](#)

**Equipment**

Target Select UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target All UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target Select UMLER Equipment Type Groups

Target Select UMLER Railcars   
  Target Select Intermodal Equipment   
  Target Select UMLER Field/Status

**Include These Umler Equipment Type Groups**

<input type="checkbox"/> A - Equipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> F - Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> K - Equipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> Q - Lower Profile Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> U - Intermodal Containers
<input type="checkbox"/> B - Unequipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> G - Unequipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> L - Special Types	<input type="checkbox"/> R - Refrigerator/RBL's	<input type="checkbox"/> V - Automobile Multi-levels
<input type="checkbox"/> C - Covered Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> H - Unequipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> P - Conventional Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> S - Stack Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> Z - Intermodal Trailers
<input type="checkbox"/> E - Equipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> J - Gondola GT		<input type="checkbox"/> T - Tanks	

**Equipment Characteristics**

Add Equipment Axle Count & Length Conditions to Restrict Movement

Total Weight on Rail:   lbs.

Clearance Code

**Waybill Parties**

Target Select Waybill Parties     Target All Waybill Parties

Include waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)   
  Exclude waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)

Include  of These Waybill Parties:

CIF     Shipper  Consignee  Care of party  Ship From  Pick Up

4. Complete and/or modify the input fields as needed. Select the **Issue OPSL Note** button to issue the cloned OPSL Note.

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## Exporting OPSL Notes as XML

Use the following procedure to export an OPSL Note in XML format:

1. Select **OPSL Notes > Search OPSL Notes**. Perform a search for the OPSL Notes that you want to export as XML. The Search Embargo Results page is displayed.
2. Select the **OPSL Note No** link of the Note that you want to export in XML. The OPSL Note Details page is displayed.
3. Select **Export As XML**. A pop-up box is displayed asking if you want to save or open the file.
4. Select the application that you want to use to open the XML file or browse to the location where you want to save the output file.

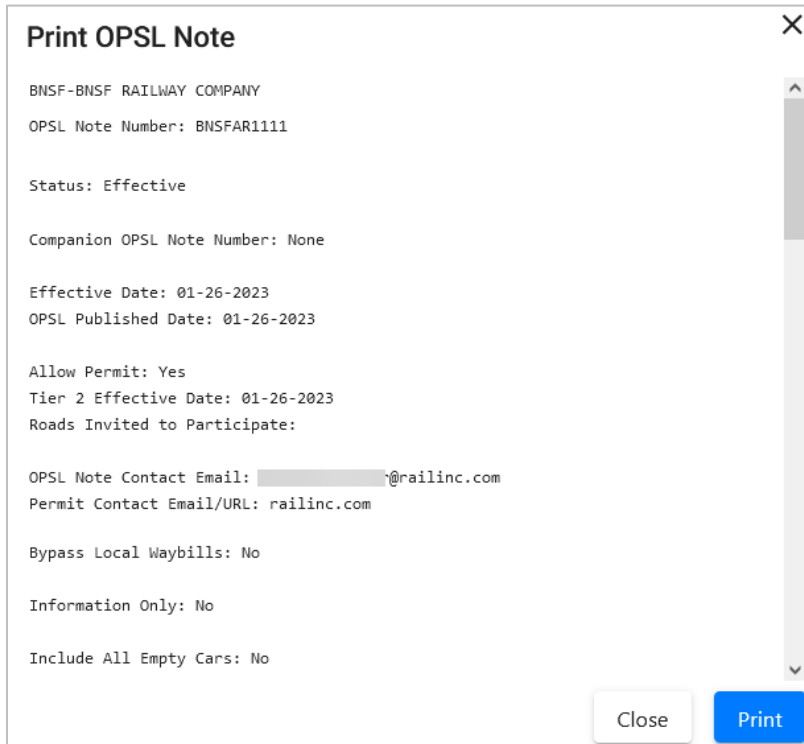
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## Printing OPSL Notes

Use the following procedure to print an OPSL Note:

1. Select **OPSL Notes > Search OPSL Notes**. Perform a search for the OPSL Note that you want to print. The Search OPSL Note Results page is displayed.
2. Select the link of the listed OPSL Note that you want to print. The OPSL Note Detail page is displayed.
3. Select the **Printable View** button. A print-ready version of the OPSL Note is displayed (see [Exhibit 106](#)).

**Exhibit 106. Print OPSL Note View**



4. Select the **Print** button and select your printer from the displayed dialog box. Select **Close** if you want to cancel the printing.

**Note:** The AAR admin signature is added at the bottom of the print out.

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## Creating OPSL Note Templates

Use the following procedure to create an OPSL Note Template:

1. Select **OPSL Notes > Create OPSL Note Template**. The Create OPSL Note Template page is displayed (see [Exhibit 107](#)).

Exhibit 107. Create OPSL Note Template

### Create OPSL Note Template

**General OPSL Notes Template Information**

Template Name *	Template Description *
Issuing Road * BNSF	
Allow Permits * Yes	Bypass Local Waybills *
OPSL Note Contact Email *	Permit Contact Email/Url
<input type="checkbox"/> Include All Empty Cars	
Min Car Allowed	Max Car Allowed

**Commodity**

Target Select Commodities  Target All Commodities

Include These Commodities

**Cause**

Cause \*  
- Choose a Cause -

Cause Detail

**Notes**

Notes

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**Equipment**

Target Select UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target All UMLER Equipment Types   
  Target Select UMLER Equipment Type Groups

Target Select UMLER Railcars   
  Target Select Intermodal Equipment   
  Target Select UMLER Field/Status

**Include These Umler Equipment Type Groups**

<input type="checkbox"/> A - Equipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> F - Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> K - Equipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> Q - Lower Profile Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> U - Intermodal Containers
<input type="checkbox"/> B - Unequipped Box Cars	<input type="checkbox"/> G - Unequipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> L - Special Types	<input type="checkbox"/> R - Refrigerator/RBL's	<input type="checkbox"/> V - Automobile Multi-levels
<input type="checkbox"/> C - Covered Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> H - Unequipped Hoppers	<input type="checkbox"/> P - Conventional Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> S - Stack Intermodal Flats	<input type="checkbox"/> Z - Intermodal Trailers
<input type="checkbox"/> E - Equipped Gondolas	<input type="checkbox"/> J - Gondola GT		<input type="checkbox"/> T - Tanks	

**Equipment Characteristics**

Add Equipment Axle Count & Length Conditions to Restrict Movement

Total Weight on Rail:   
 - No Weight Restrictions -   
 - Select a Quantity -   
 lbs.

Clearance Code

- No Clearance Codes -

**Waybill Parties**

Target Select Waybill Parties   
  Target All Waybill Parties

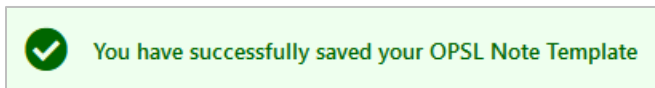
Include waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)   
  Exclude waybills with missing waybill parties (CIFs)

Include Any of These Waybill Parties:

CIF       
 Shipper   
 Consignee   
 Care of party   
 Ship From   
 Pick Up

1. Complete the available described fields:
  - a. **Template Name:** Unique name for the template (must be unique across road).
  - b. **Template Description:** Description for the template.
2. See [Issuing OPSL Notes](#) for a description of all other fields.
2. Select **Create OPSL Note Template**. A message is displayed letting you know that the OPSL Note template has been saved (see [Exhibit 108](#)).

**Exhibit 108. OPSL Note Template Successfully Created**



## Viewing and Applying OPSL Note Templates

Use the following procedure to view and apply OPSL Note Templates:

1. Select **OPSL Notes > View OPSL Note Templates**. The View OPSL Note Templates page is displayed (see [Exhibit 109](#)).

**Exhibit 109. View OPSL Note Templates**

Road	Template Name	Template Description
CPRS	<a href="#">Nelson Subdivision</a>	Nelson Subdivision - Weight Restrictions
CPRS	<a href="#">PGR NESBIT</a>	PGR NESBIT
CPRS	<a href="#">Columbia Subdivision</a>	Columbia Subdivision - Weight Restriction
CPRS	<a href="#">Van Horne Subdivision</a>	Van Van Horne Subdivision - Weight Restriction
CPRS	<a href="#">Havelock Subdivision</a>	Havelock Subdivision - Weight Restriction
CPRS	<a href="#">Nephton Subdivision</a>	Nephton Subdivision - Weight Restriction
CPRS	<a href="#">Waterloo Subdivision</a>	Waterloo Subdivision - Weight Restrictions
CPRS	<a href="#">Glen Falls Subdivision</a>	Glen Falls Subdivision - Weight Restrictions
CPRS	<a href="#">Eldridge Subdivision</a>	Eldridge Subdivision - Weight Restriction
CPRS	<a href="#">Hartland Subdivision</a>	Hartland Subdivision - Weight Restrictions
CPRS	<a href="#">Articulated Bi-levels</a>	Control Articulated Bi-levels
CPRS	<a href="#">V295 cars at Bensenville/ Chgo</a>	stop V295 cars at Bensenville/ CHGO
AGR	<a href="#">268K Weigt Restriction</a>	Weight Restriction
CPRS	<a href="#">CRH Joliette</a>	CRH Joliette
CPRS	<a href="#">Oak Point Spur Closure</a>	Oak Point Spur Closure

2. Select the Template Name of the OPSL Note template that you want to view and/or apply. The OPSL Note Template Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 110](#)).

**Exhibit 110. OPSL Note Template Details**

**OPSL Note Template Details**

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**General OPSL Note Template Information**

Template Name: BNSF      Template Description: BNSF Empty Tank Cars Mech Hold in Oakland

Issuing Road: BNSF

Allow Permits: Yes      Include All Empty Cars: Yes      Min Car Allowed:      Max Car Allowed:

Last modified By: Michelle Ferrar      Email: michelle.ferrar@railinc.com      Last modified on: 04-27-2023      Bypass Local Waybills: Yes

OPSL Note Contact Email:  
joe.smith@railinc.com

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**Commodity**

Target All Commodities

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**Cause**

Cause: Regulatory Hold

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**Geography**

Include These Locations:

ORIGIN				Bi-Directional	DESTINATION			
Roadmark	FSAC	Station Name	State/Province	Y	Roadmark	FSAC	Station Name	State/Province
BNSF	11340	OAKLAND TTI	CA					
BNSF	11342	OAKLAND SSA	CA					
BNSF	11344	OAKLAND APL	CA					
BNSF	11346	OAKLAND CHARLES HOW	CA					
BNSF	11350	OAKLAND	CA					
BNSF	11351	OAKLAND IM EX	CA					
BNSF	11355	OAKLAND INT GATEWAY	CA					
BNSF	11372	OAKLAND BEN NUTTER	CA					
BNSF	11374	OAKLAND OUTER HARBO	CA					
BNSF	11376	OAKLAND TRAPAC	CA					
BNSF	11378	OAKLAND TRANSRAY	CA					
BNSF	11380	OAKLAND APMT	CA					

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**Equipment**

UMLER Equipment Types: Include These Umler Equipment Type Groups

- T - Tanks

Total Weight on Rail: No Weight Restrictions

Clearance Code: No Clearance Code

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**Waybill Parties**

Target All Waybill Parties

Return Issue OPSL Note Clone Edit Delete

3. To issue an OPSL Note based on the template, select the **Issue OPSL Note** button. Complete the available input fields (see [Issuing OPSL Notes](#)).

## Searching for OPSL Officers

Use the following procedure to search for OPSL Note and Permit Officers:

## Working with OPSL Notes

1. Select **OPSL Notes > Search OPSL/Permit Officers**. The View Railroad OPSL Note and Permit Officers page is displayed (see [Exhibit 111](#)).

### Exhibit 111. View Railroad OPSL Note and Permit Officers

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Title: **View railroad OPSL note and permit officers**
- Search field: Labeled "Roadmark" with a magnifying glass icon. Below it, the text "(Leave empty to view for all roads)" is displayed.
- Display options: "Display:" followed by two radio buttons: "Only OPSL note officers" (which is selected) and "Only permit officers".
- Buttons: "Cancel" and "Search" buttons are located at the bottom right.

2. Enter the **Roadmark** of the OPSL or Permit Officer (leave empty to view all roads). Select to display **Only OPSL Note Officers** or **Only Permit Officers**. Select **Search**. The Search OPSL Note Officers Results page is displayed (see [Exhibit 112](#)).

### Exhibit 112. Search OPSL Note Officers Results

The screenshot shows the search results page with the following elements:

- Title: **View railroad OPSL note and permit officers**
- Section: **Search OPSL note officers results**
- Summary: "Number of OPSL Note Officer(s): 278" with "Clear Filters" and download icons.
- Table with columns: Roadmark, Name, Phone number, Email address, and Notes.
- Table content (partial):

Roadmark	Name	Phone number	Email address	Notes
ABS				
ABWR				
AGR				
AGR				
AKMD				
AKMD				
ALM				
ALM				
AN				
AN				
AOR				
AOR				
ARS				
ARZC				

Page navigation: "1 to 100 of 278" and "Page 1 of 3".

Buttons: "Cancel" button at the bottom right.

Railine administrators can indicate a Primary Officer or add Notes (such as additional contact information) about the displayed OPSL Note Officers.

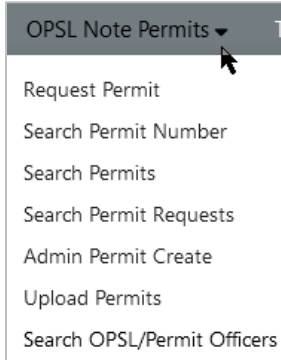
If you are a Railine administrator, select **Save Changes** to save any changes; select **Clear** to clear any changes made without saving changes. Otherwise, select **Cancel** to exit the page.



## Managing OPSL Note Permits

When you select **OPSL Note Permits** on an AAR Embargo System page, the OPSL Note Permits menu is displayed (see [Exhibit 113](#)).

**Exhibit 113. OPSL Note Permits Menu**



[Exhibit 114](#) describes the tasks available on the OPSL Note Permits menu.

**Exhibit 114. OPSL Note Permits Menu Items and Descriptions**

Menu Item	Description
<a href="#">Request Permit</a>	Enables you to request a permit to bypass an OPSL Note.
<a href="#">Search Permit Number</a>	Enables you to search for and view any issued OPSL Note permit for which you have the permit number regardless of status.
<a href="#">Search Permits</a>	Enables you to search and view all issued OPSL Note permits.
<a href="#">Search Permit Requests</a>	Enables you to search permit requests of different statuses.
<a href="#">Admin Permit Create</a>	Enables a Railinc Administrator to issue a permit for an OPSL Note.
<a href="#">Search OPSL/Permit Officers</a>	Enables you to search for OPSL and permit officers for all marks.

## Requesting OPSL Note Permits

Use the following procedure to request a new OPSL Note Permit:

1. Select **OPSL Note Permits > Request Permit**. The Create Permit Request page is displayed (see [Exhibit 115](#)).



Field	Description
<b>*Permit(s) for OPSL Note</b>	<p>Enter the OPSL Note for which you want to request a permit.</p> <p>An <b>OPSL tariff note number</b> is 10 characters in length and consists of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issuing railroad road mark</li> <li>▪ OPSL issue indicator; the second digit of the alpha code is incremented by the next letter of the alphabet for each year. “AB” equals the 2007 edition, “AC” equals the 2008 edition, and “AJ” equals the 2015 edition.</li> <li>▪ 4-digit Tariff Note item number</li> </ul> <p>Here is an example of a tariff note number: BNSF – AB – 3200</p>
<b>*Priority</b>	Select the priority (High, Medium, or Low).
<b>*Reason</b>	Free-form reason for the permit.
<b>*Number of Permits Needed</b>	Enter the number of permits required.
<b>Requested Permit Start date</b>	Must be equal to or after associated OPSL Note start date; must be prior to associated OPSL Note end date; must be prior to requested end date.
<b>Requested Permit End Date</b>	Default is calculated as 60 working days after start date or set as the associated OPSL Note end date, whichever comes first; may not be equal or prior to requested start date; may not be prior to associated OPSL Note start date; may not be after associated OPSL Note end date.
<b>Shipper CIF</b>	One per permit request; if Shipper CIF(s) are specified in the associated embargo, then the entered CIF must be one of those specified.
<b>Consignee CIF</b>	One per permit request; if Consignee CIF(s) are specified in the associated embargo, then the entered CIF must be one of those specified.
<b>Origin FSAC</b>	Origin Freight Station Accounting Code. Enter Road Mark and then FSAC number.
<b>Destination FSAC</b>	Destination Freight Station Accounting Code. Enter Road Mark and then FSAC number.
<b>*Free-form Commodity</b>	Multiple commodities are allowed per permit. If a STCC is specified in the associated embargo, the entered STCC must be one of those specified. Free-form text is allowed. You may enter STCC code(s) or description(s).

3. Select **Submit** to submit the permit request.

## Searching OPSL Note Permits

Use the following procedure to search OPSL Note Permits:

1. Select **OPSL Note Permits > Search Permits**. The Search Permits page is displayed (see [Exhibit 116](#)).

**Exhibit 116. Search Permits**

2. Complete the available input fields:

Field	Description
<b>Permit Number</b>	Permit numbers are 10 characters in length and consist of a randomly generated combination of letters and numbers (for example, A887659944).
<b>OPSL Note Number</b>	<p>An <b>OPSL tariff note number</b> is 10 characters in length and consists of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issuing railroad road mark</li> <li>▪ OPSL issue indicator; the second digit of the alpha code is incremented by the next letter of the alphabet for each year. “AB” equals the 2007 edition, “AC” equals the 2008 edition, and “AJ” equals the 2015 edition.</li> <li>▪ 4-digit Tariff Note item number</li> </ul> <p>Here is an example of a tariff note number: BNSF – AB – 3200</p>

Field	Description
<b>OPSL Note Issued By</b>	Road mark that created the OPSL Note. Select the magnifying glass to bring up the Road mark Lookup page.
<b>Equip ID</b>	Reporting mark and number of rail equipment.
<b>Start/End Date</b>	Start and End Date Range for Permits; select the calendar icon for assistance with date entry.
<b>Waybill Number</b>	Number associated with the waybill.
<b>Waybill Date</b>	Date waybill was created.
<b>Permit Status</b>	List of possible permit request statuses available for selection; multi-selection is allowed.

3. Select the **Search** button. The Search Permit Results page is displayed. Permit requests that are highlighted in yellow are high priority.

**Exhibit 117. Search Permit Results**

**Search Permits** ▼

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**Search Permit Results** ▲

Number of Permit(s): 10 ✖ Clear Filters ↓

Permit Number	Status	Used Date/ Time	Cancelled Date/ Time	OPSL Note No	Start Date	End Date	Waybill Number	Waybill Dat
<a href="#">NZR5797634</a>	Effective			AKMDAF1280	07-27-2011	11-03-2020	0	
<a href="#">HNN5797634</a>	Effective			AKMDAF1280	07-27-2011	11-03-2020	0	
<a href="#">JRN5797634</a>	Effective			AKMDAF1280	07-27-2011	11-03-2020	0	
<a href="#">JRO5797634</a>	Effective			AKMDAF1280	07-27-2011	11-03-2020	0	
<a href="#">HNG5797634</a>	Effective			AKMDAF1280	07-27-2011	11-03-2020	0	
<a href="#">UGU5797634</a>	Effective			AKMDAF1280	07-27-2011	11-03-2020	0	
<a href="#">FJS5797634</a>	Effective			AKMDAF1280	07-27-2011	11-03-2020	0	
<a href="#">SCT5797634</a>	Effective			AKMDAF1280	07-27-2011	11-03-2020	0	
<a href="#">YOX5797634</a>	Effective			AKMDAF1280	07-27-2011	11-03-2020	0	
<a href="#">LVV5797634</a>	Effective			AKMDAF1280	07-27-2011	11-03-2020	0	

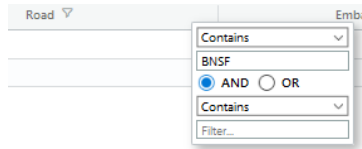
1 to 10 of 10 |< < Page 1 of 1 > >|


4. Select the column header to sort the column in descending or ascending order. Arrow up is descending, and arrow down is ascending.
5. To adjust column width, hover over the line between the columns until you see double vertical lines with an arrow on either side and move it to the left or right to desired width:



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- To filter on a column, hover over a column header and select the three lines to the right of the column header and use the drop-down list to select how you want to filter on the content and enter your filter criteria. Select the **Clear Filters** button to clear all filters.



- Select the Download icon  to open or save your search results in a spreadsheet.
- When there are two or more pages of results, use the arrows in the bottom right to page through all the results.
- Select the **Permit Number** link of a displayed permit to view its details (see [Exhibit 118](#)).

### Exhibit 118. View Permit Details

#### View Permit Details

Permit(s) for OPSL Note: [AKMDAF1280](#) Request ID: 71460 Status: Effective Permit Number: [NZR5797634](#)

Used Date/ Time:

Requester ID: MICHDOC Requester Contact: Michelle Ferrar RAILINC CORPORATION michelle.ferrar@railinc.com 9196515395

Priority: Medium Note:

Waybill Parties:

Origin / Destination:

Permit Start Date: 07-27-2011 Permit End Date: 11-03-2020 Number of Permits Needed: 10 Num of Permits Allowed Per Day: 1

Waybill Number: 0 Waybill Date: Equipment ID: Billing Road:

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#### Commodity

No Commodities Specified

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#### Other Permits In Series

Permit Number	Used Date/ Time	Status	Waybill Number	Waybill Date	Equipment ID	Billing Road
SCT5797634		Effective	0			
LVV5797634		Effective	0			
UGU5797634		Effective	0			
HNN5797634		Effective	0			
JRN5797634		Effective	0			
FJS5797634		Effective	0			
HNG5797634		Effective	0			
JRO5797634		Effective	0			
YOX5797634		Effective	0			

Return
Printable View
View Permit Request
Cancel Permit
View audit log
Export As XML
Export As CSV
Resend XML

10. Perform one of the following actions:

- a) Select the **Permit(s) for OPSL Note** link to display the OPSL Note associated with the permit.
- b) Select **Return** to redisplay the search results.
- c) Select **Printable View** to view the permit in a printable format.
- d) Select **View Permit Request** to view the permit request.
- e) Select **Cancel Permit** to cancel the permit request.
- f) Select **View Audit Log** to audit a history of the displayed permit.
- g) Select **Export As XML** to export the displayed permit as XML.
- h) Select **Export As CSV** to export the displayed permit in CSV format.
- i) Select **Resend XML** to resend the displayed permit as XML.

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## Searching OPSL Note Permit Requests

Use the following procedure to search OPSL Note Permit Requests:

1. Select **OPSL Note Permits > Search Permit Requests**. The Search Permit Requests page is displayed (see [Exhibit 119](#)).

**Exhibit 119. Search Permit Requests**

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Search Permit Requests". It contains several input fields and a search button. The fields are: "OPSL Note No" and "OPSL Note Issued By" (with a magnifying glass icon), "Start Date" and "End Date" (with calendar icons), and "Permit Status" with four radio button options: "All", "Approved", "Rejected", and "Pending". At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Search".

- Complete the available input fields:

Field	Description
<b>OPSL Note No.</b>	<p>Enter the OPSL Note for which you want to search for a requested permit.</p> <p>An <b>OPSL tariff note number</b> is 10 characters in length and consists of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issuing railroad road mark</li> <li>OPSL issue indicator; the second digit of the alpha code is incremented by the next letter of the alphabet for each year. “AB” equals the 2007 edition, “AC” equals the 2008 edition, and “AJ” equals the 2015 edition.</li> <li>4-digit Tariff Note item number</li> </ul> <p>Here is an example of a tariff note number: BNSF – AB – 3200</p>
<b>OPSL Note Issued By</b>	Road mark that created the OPSL Note. Select the magnifying glass to bring up the Road mark Lookup page.
<b>Permit Status</b>	List of possible permit request statuses available for selection; multi-selection is allowed.

- Select **Search**. The Search Permit Request Results page is displayed (see [Exhibit 120](#)). Permit requests that are highlighted in yellow are high priority.

**Exhibit 120. Search Permit Request Results**

The search results are limited to 30 days due to the search criteria chosen. Please refine your search criteria for more relevant results.

**Search Permit Request Results**

Permit requests that are highlighted in yellow are high priority. Number of Permit Request(s): 1

Request ID	OPSL Note ...	Number of ...	Permit Requ...	Permit Start ...	Permit End ...	Origin	Destination	Status	Priority
<a href="#">71460</a>	<a href="#">AKMDAF1280</a>	10	10/20/2020	07/27/2011	11/03/2020	BNSF	BNSF	Pending	Medium

- Select the **Request ID** link of the permit request that you want to view. The Permit Request Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 121](#)).



### Exhibit 121. Permit Request Details

#### Permit Request Details

Permit(s) for OPSL Note:	<a href="#">AKMDAF1280</a>	Request ID:	71460
Status:	Pending	Requester ID:	MICHDOC
Requester Contact:	[Redacted]		
Priority:	Medium	Reason:	region related
Number of Permits Needed:	10		
Permit Start Date:	07-27-2011	Permit End Date:	11-03-2020
Waybill Parties:	[Redacted]		
Origin / Destination:	[Redacted]		
Free Form Commodity:	all commodities		
Instructions:	For issues with permits/ obtaining permit numbers, please refer to the original OPSL note for information on the permit officer.		

[Return](#) [Printable View](#) [Edit Request](#) [Reject Request](#) [Start Approval](#) [View Journal](#) [View audit log](#)

5. Perform one of the following actions (available actions may vary depending on your permissions and the current status):
  - a) Select the **Permit(s) for OPSL Note** link to display the OPSL Note associated with the permit.
  - b) Select **Return** to return to the Search Permit Request Results page.
  - c) Select **Printable View** to view a printable version of the permit request.
  - d) Select **Edit Request** to open the request for editing.
  - e) Select **Reject Request** to reject the request.
  - f) Select **Start Approval** to start the approval process.
  - g) Select **View Journal** to view journal entries associated with the permit request.
  - h) Select **View Audit Log** to view audit log details on the displayed permit request.

## Searching by OPSL Note Permit Number

If you know the permit number, use the following procedure to view any single permit regardless of status:


1. Select **OPSL Note Permits > Search Permit Number**. The Search Permits page is displayed (see [Exhibit 122](#)).

**Exhibit 122. Search Permits (By Permit Number)**

2. Enter between one and one hundred **Permit Numbers** delimited by a comma. Permit numbers are 10 characters in length and consist of a randomly generated combination of letters and numbers (for example, LVJ9984317).
3. Select **Search** to initiate the search for a matching permit. The Search Permit Results page is displayed with the single matching permit (see [Exhibit 123](#)).

**Exhibit 123. Search Permit Results**

Permit Nu...	Status	Used Dat...	Cancelled...	Embargo ...	Start Date	End Date	Waybill N...	Waybill D...	Equipmen...	Billing Road
NZT9281686	Effective			KCSM005...	12-17-2020	10-17-2021	0			
JRS9281686	Effective			KCSM005...	12-17-2020	10-17-2021	0			
JRK8526192	Expired			CSXT0015...	08-02-2021	08-20-2021	0			

5. Review the information about the single permit. Perform one of the following tasks:
  - e) Select the down arrow in the top right open Search Permits and enter another permit number and perform another search.
  - f) Select the Download icon  to open or save your search results in a spreadsheet.

# Administering OPSL Note Permit Creation

Use the following procedure to administer the creation of an OPSL Note Permit:

1. Select **OPSL Note Permits > Admin Permit Create**. The Issue Permit page is displayed (see [Exhibit 124](#)).

**Exhibit 124. Issue Permit**

**Issue Permit**

Permit(s) for OPSL Note \* Status: New

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Railinc Generated Permit Number(s)

Number of Permits Needed \* Num of Permits Allowed Per Day

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Permit Start Date Permit End Date

06-03-2022 08-02-2022

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In most cases, the Permit Start Date should be the same as the Waybill Date

Include All Embargoed STCCs

Permit These STCC Commodities

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Return Issue Permit

2. Complete the available input fields:

Field	Description
* <b>Permits for OPSL Note</b>	<p>Enter the OPSL Note for which you want to issue a permit.</p> <p>An <b>OPSL tariff note number</b> is 10 characters in length and consists of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuing railroad road mark</li> <li>• OPSL issue indicator; the second digit of the alpha code is incremented by the next letter of the alphabet for each year. “AB” equals the 2007 edition, “AC” equals the 2008 edition, and “AJ” equals the 2015 edition.</li> <li>• 4-digit Tariff Note item number</li> </ul> <p>Here is an example of a tariff note number: BNSF – AB – 3200</p>

Field	Description
<b>* Number of Permits Needed</b>	Enter the number of permits required.
<b>Railinc Generated Permit Number(s)</b>	If checked, Railinc assigns a random alpha-numeric Permit Number. If not checked, a text box appears allowing you to assign your own Permit Numbers. Separate multiple entries by commas.
<b>Number of Permits Allowed Per Day</b>	This field automatically populates with the <b>Number of Permits Needed</b> but can be changed to a lesser number.
<b>Permit Start Date</b>	Must be equal to or past the associated OPSL Note start date; must be prior to the associated OPSL Note end date; must be prior to the requested end date.
<b>Permit End Date</b>	Default is calculated as 60 working days after the start date or set as the associated OPSL Note end date, whichever comes first; may not be equal to or prior to the requested start date; may not be prior to the associated OPSL Note start date; may not be after the associated OPSL Note end date.
<b>Include All Embargoed STCCs</b>	An OPSL Note must be entered in the <b>Permit(s) for OPSL Note</b> field before this feature is active. Toggle on (blue) this feature to import all the STCC commodities associated with the embargo. Up to 112 STCCs appear below the toggle button. The form does not allow duplicate STCCs to be added to the list if this toggle is turned off and on again. Select the <b>Permit These STCC Commodities</b> field to edit or delete the STCCs.
<b>Permit These STCC Commodities</b>	Multiple STCCs are allowed per permit; if STCC(s) are specified in the associated OPSL Note, then the entered STCC must be one of those specified.

3. Select the **Submit** button. The system sets the status of the request to **Pending** and stores the request as an OPSL Note permit request. Permit requests have a status of **Pending** until the permit officer either approves or denies the request, as long as the OPSL Note is effective.

## Searching for OPSL Note Permit Officers

Use the following procedure to search for OPSL Note Permit Officers:

1. Select **OPSL Note Permits > Search OPSL Note/Permit Officers**. The View Railroad OPSL Note and Permit Officers page is displayed (see [Exhibit 70](#)).

**Exhibit 125. View Railroad OPSL Note and Permit Officers**

2. Enter the **Roadmark** of the OPSL Note or Permit Officer (leave empty to view all roads).
3. Select to display **Only Permit Officers**.
4. Select **Search**. The Search Permit Officers Results page is displayed (see [Exhibit 71](#)).

**Exhibit 126. Search Permit Officers Results**

Roadmark	Name	Phone number	Email address	Notes
BNSF			<a href="#">[Link]</a>	
BNSF			<a href="#">[Link]</a>	
BNSF			<a href="#">[Link]</a>	
BNSF			<a href="#">[Link]</a>	
BNSF			<a href="#">[Link]</a>	
BNSF			<a href="#">[Link]</a>	

The Search Permit Officers Results page enables you to view the names, phone numbers, and email addresses for OPSL Note Permit Officers. Select **Cancel** to exit the page.

## Profile Dashboard

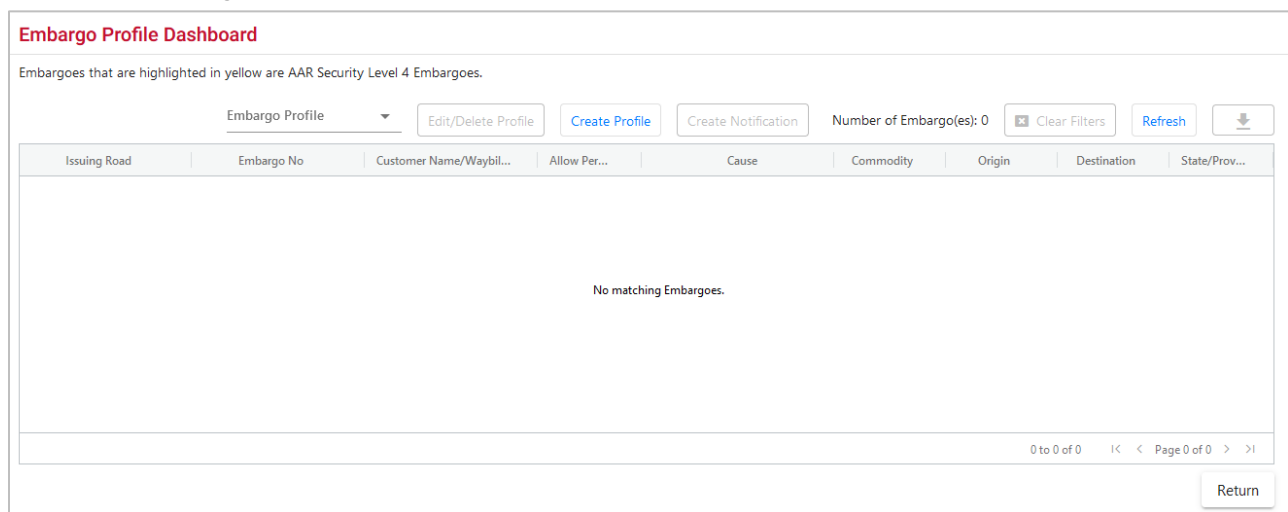
Users with the Embargo Party to the Waybill role can create Embargo profiles that provides a list of embargos that can be used to set up notifications for pre-determined criteria like location, equipment types and the commodity being shipped.

Users with this role have access to the **Dashboard** menu item.

## Creating Profiles

When you select **Dashboard** from the main menu, the Embargo Profile Dashboard is displayed. Initially, it will be empty until one or more profiles are created.

### Exhibit 127. Embargo Profile Dashboard



Creating a profile will automatically open the embargos that you're interested in viewing in the Dashboard. You can set up as many profiles as you want.

Use the following procedure to create one or more profiles of embargos that you want to view on a regular basis:

1. From the Embargo Profile Dashboard, select the **Create Profile** button. The Create Embargo Profile page is displayed.
2. Enter the **Embargo Profile Name**. This field is required. Determine the types of criteria you want to be notified about.
3. You have the option to exclude one or more target types like Commodity, Waybill Parties, Umler Equipment and/or Geography.
4. Select **Mark as Default Profile** to make this the default profile that automatically opens when you select Dashboard menu item. You will be prompted to select this for your first profile, but you can change your default at any time when more than one profile has been set up.

- Use the search icons as needed to drill down in your search for various criteria. To search for a specific equipment type in the **Umler Equipment Type Code** section, choose **Equipment Type Groups**.
- Select **Save**. The results of the profile are displayed.

**Exhibit 128. Embargo Profile Dashboard Profile Results**

The screenshot shows the 'Embargo Profile Dashboard' with a success message at the top: 'You have successfully saved an embargo shipper profile.' Below the message, there's a section for 'Embargo Profile' with a dropdown for 'NS Tanks in Cary' and buttons for 'Edit/Delete Profile', 'Create Profile', and 'Create Notification'. It also shows 'Number of Embargo(es): 19' and buttons for 'Clear Filters', 'Refresh', and a download icon. The main part of the dashboard is a table with the following data:

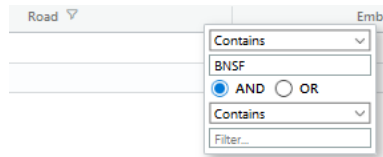
Issuing Road	Embargo No	Customer Name/W...	Allow P...	Cause	Commod...	Origin	Destinati...	State/P...
BGS	BGSAL7971	All	NO	Commodity restrictions	4800000-49...	Any	Any	Any
BNSF	BNSF001723	All	YES	Bridge out of service	All	Any	Any	Any
BNSF	BNSF000723	0052075350000, +	NO	Bridge out of service	All	Any	Any	Any
BNSF	BNSF000823	0052075350000, +	NO	Bridge out of service	All	Any	Any	Any
BNSF	BNSFAN0316	All	NO	Commodity restrictions	0119311	Any	Any	Any
BNSF	BNSFAK0112	All	YES	Weight restrictions	All	Any	Any	Any
CN	CN000223	All	YES	Bridge out of service	0112910-01...	Any	Any	Any
CPRS	CPRSAO2500	2550292170000	YES	Other - specify	4920359	Any	Any	Any
CSXT	CSXT000623	0069617000000, +	YES	Bridge out of service	All	Any	Any	Any


At the bottom right of the table, there is a pagination control showing '1 to 19 of 19' and navigation arrows. A 'Return' button is located at the bottom right of the dashboard area.

- Similar to Embargo and OPSL Note search results, select the column header to sort the column in descending or ascending order. Arrow up is descending, and arrow down is ascending.
- To adjust column width, hover over the line between the columns until you see double vertical lines with an arrow on either side and move it to the left or right to desired width:



- To filter on a column, hover over a column header and select the three lines to the right of the column header and use the drop-down list to select how you want to filter on the content and enter your filter criteria. Select the **Clear Filters** button to clear all filters.



- Select the Download icon  to open or save your search results in a spreadsheet.
- When there are two or more pages of results, use the arrows in the bottom right to page through all the results.
- Select a link in the Embargo No column to view its full details. The Embargo or OPSL Note Details page is displayed.

## Editing/Deleting Profiles

Use the following procedure to edit or delete a dashboard profile:

1. From the Embargo Profile Dashboard, select the **Edit/Delete Profile** button. The Edit Embargo Profile page is displayed.
2. To delete the profile, select **Delete** at the bottom of the page.
3. To edit the profile, make the appropriate updates and select **Save** at the bottom of the page.
4. To return to the dashboard without making updates, select **Cancel**.

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## Creating Notifications

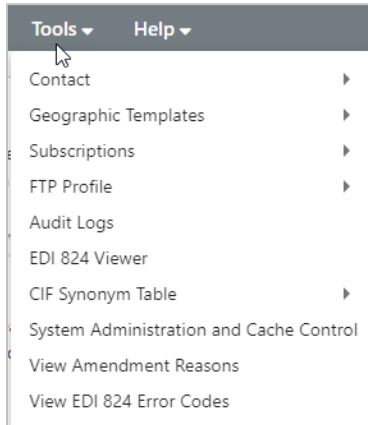
From the Embargo Profile Dashboard page, select an **Embargo Profile** that has information that you would like to subscribe to. Select the **Create Notification** button and the data from your profile will auto-populate some of the data fields. See [Creating Subscriptions \(for yourself\)](#) for details.



## Using Administrative Tools

When you select **Tools** on an AAR Embargo System page, the Tools menu is displayed (see [Exhibit 129](#)).

**Exhibit 129. Tools Menu**



[Exhibit 130](#) describes the tasks available on the Tools menu.

**Exhibit 130. Tools Menu Items and Descriptions**

Menu Item	Description
<a href="#">Contact</a>	Enables you to create and search for Embargo and OPSL Notes system-specific contacts to be notified in the event of a new or updated embargo or OPSL Note.
<a href="#">Geographic Templates</a>	Enables you to create and view templates that can be used as shortcuts when creating embargoes or OPSL Notes with common origins and/or destinations.
<a href="#">Subscriptions</a>	Enables you to set up subscriptions to be notified in the event of a new or updated embargo or OPSL Note.
<a href="#">Audit Logs</a>	Enables you to search and view the audit logs of embargo, permit, or OPSL Note transactions.
<a href="#">EDI 824 Viewer</a>	Enables you to view the details of EDI 824 messages up to 90 days old.
<a href="#">View EDI 824 Error Codes</a>	Enables you to view a list of EDI 824 error codes and descriptions.

The following table lists all of the functions detailed in this section.

Function	Who Can Perform
<a href="#">Creating Geographic Templates</a>	Embargo and OPSL Officers
<a href="#">Viewing and Editing Geographic Templates</a>	Embargo and OPSL Officers
<a href="#">Creating FTP Profiles</a>	Railinc Administrators only

Function	Who Can Perform
<a href="#">Viewing and Editing FTP Profiles</a>	Railinc Administrators only
<a href="#">Searching Audit Logs from the Tools Menu</a>	Embargo and OPSL Officers
<a href="#">Viewing, Editing and Deleting My CIF Synonyms</a>	Embargo Officers and OPSL Note Officers only
<a href="#">Creating CIF Synonyms</a>	Embargo Officers and OPSL Note Officers only
<a href="#">Viewing Synonyms Created For All Roads</a>	Embargo Officers and OPSL Note Officers only
<a href="#">View Amendment Reasons</a>	Railinc Administrators only
<a href="#">Viewing EDI 824 Messages</a>	Embargo and OPSL Officers
<a href="#">Viewing EDI 824 Error Codes and Descriptions</a>	Embargo and OPSL Officers

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## Working with Contacts

This section describes how to create a contact for your mark to use with AAR Embargo System subscriptions so that they are notified when an embargo or OPSL Note is created or updated. See [Creating Contacts](#).

As described in [Searching Contacts](#), you can also search for existing Embargo and OPSL Notes system-specific contacts.

See [Working with Subscriptions](#) for more information about subscriptions.

## Creating Contacts

Use the following procedure to create a contact:

1. Select **Tools > Contact > Create Contact** on the main navigation menu. The Create Contact page is displayed (see [Exhibit 131](#)).

Exhibit 131. Create Contact

**Create Contact**

For Roadmark \*  
 Contact Description \*

First Name \* Last Name \*

Company \*

Phone Number Intl Code Area Cod... Number \* Ext (International Code is not required for users in USA or Canada  
Example: 919 6515000)

Delivery Type Email Destination \* CC (Use comma to separate distinct email  
addresses)

Format \*  
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Select Subscriptions 
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2. Complete the available input fields:

- |                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>For Roadmark</b>         | Defaults to the road signed in.   |
| <b>Contact Description</b>  | Free-form field to easily identify contact – nickname, etc.   |
| <b>First/Last Name</b>      | First and last name of contact.   |
| <b>Company</b>              | Company name of contact.  |
| <b>Phone Number</b>         | Telephone number of contact.  |
| <b>To/CC</b>                | Email addresses of contacts.  |
| <b>Format</b>               | Select “Formatted Text”.  |
| <b>Select Subscriptions</b> | From the list of existing subscriptions, select the ones that you want associated with the contact. |

3. Select **Save**. When successfully created, the details of the created record appear with a notification (see [Exhibit 132](#)).

Exhibit 132. Contact Successfully Created

A confirmation message at the top shows a green checkmark and the text "Contact successfully created." Below this is a "Contact Details" form with the following information:

For Roadmark:	RAIL	Contact Description:	CSC
First Name:	Customer Success	Last Name:	Center
Company:	Railinc Corp	Phone Number:	919.651.5000
Email:	<a href="mailto:csc@railinc.com">csc@railinc.com</a>	Delivery Type:	Email
Format:	Formatted Text	Select Subscriptions:	RFH Embargo Subscription

At the bottom right of the form are four buttons: "Cancel", "Printable View", "Edit", and "Delete".

## Searching Contacts

Use the following procedure to search for a contact:

1. Select **Tools > Contact > Search Contacts** on the main navigation menu. The Search Contacts page is displayed (see [Exhibit 133](#)).

Exhibit 133. Search Contacts

The "Search Contact" form includes the following fields and options:

- Contacts For Roadmark
- Contact Description
- First Name
- Last Name
- Company
- Email
- AAR Security Level 4 Notification:  Both  AAR Security Level 4 Only  Non AAR Security Level 4 Only

Buttons for "Cancel" and "Search" are located at the bottom right.

2. Complete the available input fields. Select to search for AAR Security Level 4, Non-AAR Security Level 4, or both types of contacts. Select the **Search** button. The Search Contact Results page is displayed.
3. Select the name of a listed contact to view, edit or delete that person’s contact information. The Contact Details page is displayed for the selected individual.
4. Select one of the following actions:

**Printable View** Displays a print-ready version of the selected contact.

**Return** Returns to the contact search results.

<b>Edit</b>	Edits the displayed contact. The Edit Contacts page is displayed. Make the necessary edits and then select <b>Save</b> . If you did not originally create the contact, you receive a “not authorized” message.
<b>Delete</b>	Deletes the displayed contact. A message appears informing you that the contact has been deleted.
<b>Cancel</b>	Closes the Contact Details page.

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## Working with Subscriptions

This section describes how to subscribe to and view AAR Embargo System notifications.

You can create a subscription for your individual SSO ID. See [Creating Subscriptions \(for yourself\)](#).

You can create a subscription for other contacts and agencies associated with a specific road mark. As a party to the waybill, shippers can create a subscription for their agency. See [Creating Subscriptions \(for contacts/agencies\)](#).

You can also view subscription information either for yourself or for other contacts/agencies associated with the selected road mark. See [Viewing Subscriptions](#) for more information.

## Creating Subscriptions (for yourself)

Use the following procedure to create a subscription for yourself:

1. Select **Tools > Subscriptions > Create Subscription** on the main navigation menu. The Select Subscription Type page is displayed (see [Exhibit 134](#)).

**Exhibit 134. Select Subscription Type**

**Select Subscription Type for Create**

Subscription for:

another registered user \_\_\_\_\_

contacts/agencies associated with roadmark BNSF ▼

yourself

[Continue](#)

2. By default, the option to create a subscription for yourself is selected. Select **Continue**. The Create Subscription page is displayed (see [Exhibit 135](#)).

Exhibit 135. Create Subscription

**Create Subscriptions for [Redacted]**

Description \*

Delivery Type: Email

To: [Redacted]

CC (Use comma to separate distinct email addresses):

Subscribe To:  Embargo  OPSL Note  Both

Notify on All Conditions:

Embargoes:  AAR Security Level 4 Only  Non-AAR Security Level 4 Only  Both

Permits:  Permits Allowed Only  Permits Not Allowed Only  Both

Events to Notify:  Approved  Cancelled  Amended  Expired  All

Delivery Format: Formatted Text

**Issuing Road**

Subscribe for all roadmarks  Subscribe for Select roadmarks

**Commodity**

Embargo All Commodities  Embargo Select Commodities

**Cause**

Subscribe for all causes  Subscribe for Select causes

**Geography**

Subscribe for All Locations  Subscribe for Select Locations

**Equipment**

Subscribe for All Umler Equipment Types  Subscribe for Select Umler Equipment Types

Clearance Code: - No Clearance Co... Total Weight on Rail: - No Weight Restri... - Select a Quantity - lbs.

**Waybill Parties**

Embargo on All Patrons  Embargo on Select Patrons

Cancel Issue Subscription

3. Complete the available input fields.

Field	Description
<b>Description</b>	Unique description of the subscription.
<b>CC Email</b>	Additional email addresses.
<b>Delivery Format</b>	Formatted text.
<b>Subscribe to</b>	Select Embargo, OPSL Note, or Both.
<b>Notify on All Conditions</b>	Check this box if contact is to receive notifications pertaining to all embargo conditions. If this option is selected, then all other options are removed (see <a href="#">Exhibit 136</a> ). Deselect and the full page is displayed.

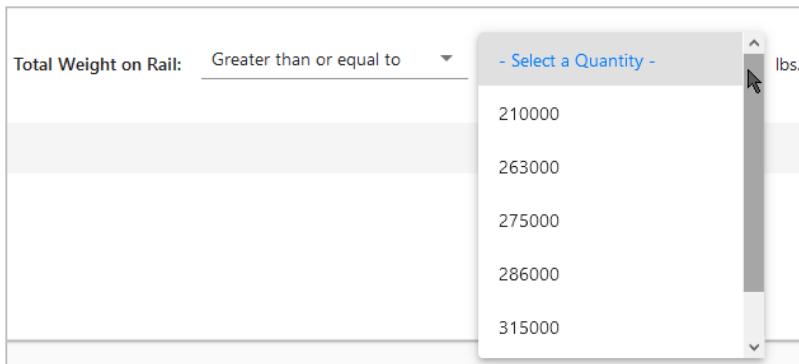
**Exhibit 136. Notify on All Conditions**

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Create Subscriptions for". The form includes a "Description" field, a "Delivery Type" dropdown set to "Email", and a "Subscribe To:" section with radio buttons for "Embargo", "OPSL Note", and "Both". The "Embargo" radio button is selected. Below this, there is a "Notify on All Conditions:" checkbox which is checked and highlighted with a red box. There is also a "To:" field and a "CC" field with a note: "CC (Use comma to separate distinct email addresses):". At the bottom, there is a "Delivery Format:" dropdown set to "Formatted Text" and two buttons: "Cancel" and "Issue Subscription".

<b>Embargoes</b>	Select option to receive AAR Security Level 4 Only embargoes, Non-AAR Security Level 4 Only embargoes, or “Both” for both level 4 and non-level 4 embargo types.
<b>Permits</b>	Select to subscribe to only those embargoes that allow permits, those do not allow permits, or select “Both” to subscribe to both types.
<b>Events to Notify</b>	Check the appropriate box(es) to receive email notification for the specified embargo status.
<b>Issuing Road Section</b>	Default displays to subscribe for all road marks. To subscribe for selected road marks, select the labeled radio button. Enter selected road marks or select the magnifying glass icon next to the text box to bring up the Road Mark Lookup page.

Field	Description
<b>Commodity Section</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Default value to embargo all commodities.</li> <li><b>Embargo Select Commodities:</b> Use this option to embargo only specific commodities. Use the available input field to specify the 7-digit STCC(s) with a comma separating multiple entries. Select the magnifying glass to search for STCCs.</li> </ul>
<b>Cause Section</b>	Default display is to subscribe for all causes. Select Subscribe for Select causes, and then select specific causes from the available drop-down box to receive email notifications for only those specified causes.
<b>Geography Section</b>	<p>Default display is to Subscribe for All Locations.</p> <p>Or select Subscribe for Select Locations to categorize the FSACs and/or Junctions as To, From and/or Via. To lookup FSACs and Junctions, select the magnifying glass icon next to the appropriate FSAC or Junction text box. The FSAC or Junction Lookup page is displayed.</p>
<b>Equipment Section</b>	Default is to embargo all equipment types. The other selection is to embargo only select Equipment Types. To lookup equipment types, select the magnifying glass icon next to the text box. The Equipment Type Lookup page is displayed.
<b>Clearance Code</b>	The default selection is no clearance code. If desired, select the appropriate code from the drop down.
<b>Total Weight on Rail</b>	The default selection is no Weight Restrictions; if desired, select Equal to or Greater than from the drop-down. This opens the weight quantity field for the selection of weight (see <a href="#">Exhibit 137</a> ). If <b>Other</b> is chosen, a field is opened to input the weight.

**Exhibit 137. Total Weight on Rail**





Field	Description
<b>Waybill Party Section</b>	<p>In the Waybill Parties section, the default is Embargo all Patrons. If specific Patrons/Waybill Parties are desired, select Embargo on Select Patrons and additional boxes appear.</p> <p>Select a Waybill Party from the drop-down.</p> <p>Enter a CIF Number; or, to lookup a CIF Number, select the magnifying glass to bring up the Patron CIF Lookup page.</p>

4. Select **Issue Subscription**. The View Subscription page is displayed along with a message that the subscription has been successfully created.
5. Select **Edit** if you need to edit the displayed subscription; select **Cancel** if finished.

## Creating Subscriptions (for contacts/agencies)

Use the following procedure to create a subscription for other contacts and agencies associated with a specific roadmark:

1. Select **Tools > Subscriptions > Create Subscription** on the main navigation menu. The Select Subscription Type page is displayed (see [Exhibit 138](#)).

**Exhibit 138. Select Subscription Type**

**Select Subscription Type for Create**

Subscription for:

another registered user \_\_\_\_\_

contacts/agencies associated with roadmark BNSF ▾

yourself

[Continue](#)

2. Select to create a subscription for contacts/agencies associated with a road mark. Select the desired road mark from the available drop down. Select **Continue**. The Create Subscription page is displayed (see [Exhibit 139](#)).

**Exhibit 139. Create Subscription**

**Create Subscriptions for BNSF**

Description \*

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Contacts:  [\[Add a new Contact\]](#)

Subscribe To:  Embargo  OPSL Note  Both

Notify on All Conditions:

Embargoes:  AAR Security Level 4 Only  Non-AAR Security Level 4 Only  Both

Permits:  Permits Allowed Only  Permits Not Allowed Only  Both

Events to Notify:  Approved  Cancelled  Amended  Expired  All

---

**Issuing Road**

Subscribe for all roadmarks  Subscribe for Select roadmarks

---

**Commodity**

Embargo All Commodities  Embargo Select Commodities

---

**Cause**

Subscribe for all causes  Subscribe for Select causes

---

**Geography**

Subscribe for All Locations  Subscribe for Select Locations

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**Equipment**

Subscribe for All Umler Equipment Types  Subscribe for Select Umler Equipment Types

Clearance Code: - No Clearance Codes - Total Weight on Rail: - No Weight Restrictions - - Select a Quantity - lbs.

---

**Waybill Parties**

Embargo on All Patrons  Embargo on Select Patrons

3. Complete the available input fields.

Field	Description
<b>Description</b>	Unique description of the subscription.
<b>Contacts</b>	Lists all created contacts for company. Select which listed contacts you want added to the subscription. Select multiple listed contacts by holding down the CTRL key. Select a range of listed contacts by holding down the SHIFT key between the selection of the first and last in the range.  Select the <b>Add a New Contact</b> link to enter the Create a Contact page.

Field	Description
Notify on All Conditions	Check this box if contact is to receive notifications pertaining to all embargo conditions. If this option is selected then all other options are removed (see <a href="#">Exhibit 140</a> ). Deselect and the full page is displayed.

**Exhibit 140. Notify on All Conditions**

4. Complete the remaining input fields. See [Creating Subscriptions \(for yourself\)](#) for definitions of the remaining fields.
5. Select **Issue Subscription**. The View Subscription page is displayed along with a message that the subscription has been successfully created.
6. Select **Edit** if you need to edit the displayed subscription; select **Cancel** if finished.

## Viewing Subscriptions

Use the following procedure to view existing subscriptions:

1. Select **Tools > Subscriptions > View Subscriptions** on the main navigation menu. The Select Subscription Type page is displayed (see [Exhibit 141](#)).

**Exhibit 141. Select Subscription Type**

2. Select to either view subscription information for yourself or for other contacts/agencies associated with the selected road mark (select road mark from drop down). Select **Continue**. The View Subscriptions page is displayed (see [Exhibit 142](#)).

**Exhibit 142. View Subscriptions**

**View Subscriptions for RAIL**

Number of Subscription(s): 2

Description	Expiration Date	Status
<a href="#">RFH Embargo Subscription</a>	08/27/2008	Expired
<a href="#">Railinc CSC</a>	09/05/2009	Cancelled

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3. Select the description of a displayed subscription to view details of the selected subscription (see [Exhibit 143](#)).

**Exhibit 143. View Subscription Details**

### View Subscriptions for RAIL

Subscription Expires: 08-27-2008	Status: Expired
Description: RFH Embargo Subscription	
Contacts: Customer Success Center	Subscribe To: Embargo
	Notify on All Conditions: Yes
	Embargoes: Both
	Permits: Both
	Events to Notify: Approved, Amended, Expired, Cancelled

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#### Issuing Road

Subscribe for all roadmarks

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#### Commodity

Embargo All Commodities

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#### Causes

Subscribe for all causes

---

#### Geography

Subscribed for All Locations

---

#### Equipment

UMLER Equipment Types:	Subscribe for All Umler Equipment Types
Total Weight on Rail:	No Weight Restrictions
Clearance Code:	No Clearance Code

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#### Waybill Parties

Embargo on All Patrons

4. Perform one of the following actions:

- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Edit</b>                | Edits the subscription.                                       |
| <b>Cancel Subscription</b> | Removes the contact from the subscription.                    |
| <b>Renew Subscription</b>  | Renews the subscription for the contact.                      |
| <b>Return</b>              | Returns to the subscription search results.                   |
| <b>Cancel</b>              | Closes the View Subscription page without making any changes. |

## Working with Geographic Templates

A geographic template enables you to create templates that can be used as shortcuts when creating embargoes or OPSL Notes with common origins and/or destinations.

### Creating Geographic Templates

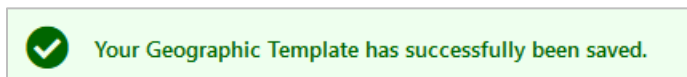
Use the following procedure to create a geographic template:

1. Select **Tools > Geographic Templates > Create Template**. The Create Geography Template page is displayed (see [Exhibit 144](#)).

**Exhibit 144. Create Geography Template**

2. Enter a unique **Template Name** and **Template Description**. Specify the **Issuing Road**.
3. Enter three or more **FSACs** or **Junction Codes**. Select the associated magnifying glass icons to look up either FSAC or Junction codes.
4. Use the **Origin/Destination** fields to specify a range of locations.
5. Select **Save** to save the created geographic template or select **Cancel** to cancel the process. A message appears letting you know that the geographic template has been saved (see [Exhibit 145](#)).

**Exhibit 145. Geographic Template Success Message**



## Viewing and Editing Geographic Templates

Use the following procedure to view and edit a geographic template:

1. Select **Tools > Geographic Templates > View Templates**. The View Geography Templates page is displayed (see [Exhibit 146](#)).

**Exhibit 146. View Geography Templates**

**View Geography Templates**

Number of Geography Template(s): 14 Clear Filters

Template Name	Template Description	Creation Date
<a href="#">Richmond Interchange</a>	Restricted Interchange from NS	05-27-2008
<a href="#">WTA</a>	WTA	03-18-2008
<a href="#">test</a>	test	01-29-2008
<a href="#">Hurricane Gustav</a>	Richburg, Ms. south to New Orleans	08-28-2008
<a href="#">KXHR Ethanol</a>	Regal Only	10-07-2008
<a href="#">GREAT RIVER RAILROAD</a>	EMBARGO	10-08-2008
<a href="#">South Richmond, VA</a>	South Richmond I/C NS	02-10-2009
<a href="#">TIH 02-17-2009</a>	TIH Interchange	02-17-2009
<a href="#">test</a>	test	01-10-2011
<a href="#">FSRR</a>	al sur de loma bonita	06-18-2012
<a href="#">Greenville Branch Ayer MA</a>	Greenville Branch Ayer MA	02-13-2015
<a href="#">deslaves 1</a>	deslaves ferrosur 1	10-06-2017
<a href="#">SKOL WINFIELD</a>	BRIDGE OUT	01-19-2019
<a href="#">BNSF KC</a>	BNSF at KC station	09-21-2020

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Return

2. Select the **Template Name** link that you want to view. The Geography Template Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 147](#)).

Exhibit 147. Geography Template Details

### Geography Template Details

**General Geography Template Information**

Template Name: test                      Template Description: test                      Issuing Road: RAIL

**Geography**

Include These Locations

ORIGIN	DESTINATION	Bi-Directional
NENE-80088		N
NENE-80061		N
NENE-80040		N
NENE-80068		N
NENE-80083		N
NENE-80035		N
NENE-80047		N
NENE-80074		N
NENE-80078		N
NENE-80055		N

Return
Edit Geography Template
Delete Geography Template

3. Perform one of the following actions:
  - a. Select **Edit Geography Template** to edit the geography template (see [Creating Geographic Templates](#) for field descriptions).
  - b. Select **Delete Geography Template** to delete the displayed geography template.

**Note:** You can only delete geographic templates that belong to your road. If the selected geography template is referred to by any embargo template, then the delete action is not allowed. You must remove the geography template from the embargo template first and then delete the geography template.

- c. Select **Return** to return to the list of geography templates.





Field	Description
Allows Permit Notification	Check to have permit messages sent in XML to specified mailbox road mark.

3. Select **Save** to save the created FTP profile.

## Viewing and Editing FTP Profiles

Only Railinc Administrators have access to this function.

Use the following procedure to create FTP profiles:

1. Select **Tools > FTP Profile > View FTP Profile**. The View FTP Profiles page is displayed (see [Exhibit 149](#)).

**Exhibit 149. View FTP Profiles**

**View FTP Profiles**

Number of FTP Profile(s): 7 ✖ Clear Filters

Roadmark	Mailbox Name	Contact Email	Allow Embargo Notification	Allow Permit Notification
<a href="#">BNSF</a>		Embargo@railinc.com	Y	Y
<a href="#">UP</a>		Embargo@railinc.com	Y	Y
<a href="#">CSXT</a>		Embargo@railinc.com	Y	Y
<a href="#">PAL</a>			Y	Y
<a href="#">TFM</a>			N	N
<a href="#">CN</a>			N	N
<a href="#">CSO</a>			N	N

Return

2. Select the hyperlink of a listed roadmark to edit a listed FTP Profile. The Edit FTP Profile page is displayed (see [Exhibit 150](#)).

**Exhibit 150. Edit FTP Profile**

**Edit FTP Profile**

(The notification will be in XML format):

Roadmark \*  
BNSF

Mailbox Name \*  
qbnsf21

Contact Email  
Embargo@railinc.com

Allow Embargo Notification

Allow Permit Notification

Cancel Save

3. Complete any required edits to the displayed FTP profile. Select **Save** to save updates.

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## Searching Audit Logs from the Tools Menu

Only users with Officer permission have access to this function.

Use the following procedure to search and view the audit logs of embargo, permit, or OPSL Note transactions from the Tools menu:

1. Select **Tools > Audit Logs**. The Search Audit Logs page is displayed (see [Exhibit 151](#)).

**Exhibit 151. Search Audit Logs**

**Search Audit Logs**

Choose function, enter criteria in fields provided and press Search to display audit logs.

Select a function to view logs  
Embargoes

Embargo No

Change made by

From Date  
09-22-2020

To Date  
09-23-2020

Cancel Search

2. Use the Select a Function to View Logs drop-down to select the type of audit log that you want to view (Embargoes, OPSL Notes, or Permits). The displayed input fields change depending on which type of audit log you select.

Here are the input fields for embargo audit log search:

<b>Field</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Embargo Number</b>	<p>10-character, system-generated identifier for created embargoes that consists of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Issuing railroad road mark</li><li>▪ 4-digit sequence number starting with 0001. The sequence number is reset to 0001 at the beginning of a new year</li><li>▪ 2 digits for year</li></ul> <p>Here is an example of an embargo number: BNSF011102</p>
<b>Change Made by</b>	<p>Specify the user name of the individual for whom you are looking for audit log records.</p>
<b>From Date/To Date</b>	<p>Specify date range for the audit log records that you want to search.</p>

This input field differs for OPSL Notes audit log search:

<b>OPSL Note No.</b>	<p>An <b>OPSL tariff note number</b> is 10 characters in length and consists of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Issuing railroad road mark</li><li>▪ OPSL issue indicator; the second digit of the alpha code is incremented by the next letter of the alphabet for each year. “AB” equals the 2007 edition, “AC” equals the 2008 edition, and “AJ” equals the 2015 edition.</li><li>▪ 4-digit Tariff Note item number</li></ul> <p>Here is an example of a tariff note number: BNSF – AB – 3200</p>
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These input fields differ for a Permit audit log search:

<b>Permit Number</b>	<p>Permit numbers are 10 characters in length and consist of a randomly generated combination of letters and numbers (for example, A887659944).</p>
<b>Permit Request Number</b>	<p>Random system-generated number assigned to permit request.</p>

3. Select the **Search** button. The Search Audit Logs Results page is displayed (see [Exhibit 152](#)).

**Exhibit 152. Search Audit Logs Results**

Search Audit Logs

Search Audit Logs Results

Number of Audit Log(s): 17

Change made by	Change made on	Reason for change	Audit Log Type	Embargo No	Amendment No	Audit Action	Road
CMORAL35	09/21/2020 13:14:54	Add Total Weight On Rail: added weight	Embargo Request	KCS000120	1	Amend	KCS
MICHDOC	09/21/2020 13:11:33	reason	Embargo	NS000220	0	Cancel	RAIL
MICHDOC	09/21/2020 10:27:17	Embargo was re-issued for approval.	Embargo Request	CALA002420	0	Reissue	RAIL
MICHDOC	09/21/2020 10:24:20	cancel example	Embargo	UP031019	0	Cancel	RAIL
MICHDOC	09/21/2020 10:12:59	reject embargo example	Embargo Request	UP000520	0	Reject	RAIL
MICHDOC	09/21/2020 10:09:29	Embargo request was approved by administrator.	Embargo Request	CALA001720	0	Approve	RAIL
MICHDOC	09/21/2020 10:09:29	Embargo was created after approved by administrator.	Embargo	CALA001720	0	Create	RAIL
MICHDOC	09/21/2020 10:01:27	Embargo request was deleted from system.	Embargo Request	CSXT003418	0	Delete	RAIL
BSAXK03	09/21/2020 09:26:38	Embargo request was created and submitted for approval.	Embargo Request	CALA002420	0	Create	RAIL
BSAXK03	09/21/2020 09:26:22	Embargo request was approved by administrator.	Embargo Request	CALA002420	0	Approve	RAIL
BSAXK03	09/21/2020 09:26:22	Embargo was created after approved by administrator.	Embargo	CALA002420	0	Create	RAIL
BSAXK03	09/21/2020 09:24:19	Embargo request was approved by administrator.	Embargo Request	CALA002320	0	Approve	RAIL
BSAXK03	09/21/2020 09:24:19	Embargo was created after approved by administrator.	Embargo	CALA002320	0	Create	RAIL
BSAXK03	09/21/2020 09:23:57	Embargo request was created and submitted for approval.	Embargo Request	CALA002320	0	Create	RAIL
BSAXK03	09/21/2020 09:22:01	Embargo request was approved by administrator.	Embargo Request	CALA002220	0	Approve	RAIL

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4. Select a listed Embargo Number to view its details. Select **Return** to return to the Embargo Details page. Select **Printable View** to view a print-ready version of the audit log results.

## Working with CIF Synonyms

Only users with Embargo Officer or OPSL Note Officer permission have access to use synonyms.

CIF synonyms provide Embargo Officers and OPSL Note Officers with the ability to better control traffic movements when restrictions are warranted.

## Viewing, Editing and Deleting My CIF Synonyms

Only users with Embargo Officer or OPSL Note Officer permission have access to view, edit and delete CIF synonyms. To view synonyms created for all roads, see [Viewing Synonyms Created For All Roads](#).

Use the following procedure to view, edit or delete CIF synonyms from the Tools menu:

1. Select **Tools > CIF Synonym Table > My Road's CIF Synonyms**. The My Road's CIF Synonyms page is displayed.
2. Enter the mark for the road you represent in the **Road** field to view your road's synonyms.

Exhibit 153. My Road's CIF Synonyms


**My Road's CIF Synonyms**

Road \*  
BNSF

Number of CIF Bridge(s): 16

<input type="checkbox"/> Select All	CIF Number	Patron Name	Synonym Names	City	State
<input type="checkbox"/>	0028719940000	VALUE PLASTIC INC	Value Market Inc	FORT COLLINS	CO
<input type="checkbox"/>			Value World		
<input type="checkbox"/>	0069117470000	BANK OF AMERICA NATI...	BoAN	CHARLOTTE	NC
<input type="checkbox"/>			BANK 456		
<input type="checkbox"/>			BANTS LLC		
<input type="checkbox"/>	0095878370000	VALUEPLUS TRANSPORTATIO...	Value Market Inc	COMPTON	CA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0200194280000	BANK OF AMERICA NA	BoA Branch 5	SAN FRANCISCO	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	0217066220000	VALUE VILLAGE	Value Market Inc	KENNEWICK	WA
<input type="checkbox"/>	1126713470000	WAL-MART STORES INC	Walmart Charlotte Store 1	CHARLOTTE	NC

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- To filter on a column, hover over a column header and select the three lines to the right of the column header and use the drop-down list to select how you want to filter on the content and enter your filter criteria. Select the **Clear Filters** button to clear all filters.
- Select the Download icon  to open or save your search results in a spreadsheet.
- When there are two or more pages of results, use the arrows in the bottom right to page through all the results.
- To create a new synonym, select **Create New Synonym** and follow the steps in [Creating CIF Synonyms](#).
- To edit an existing synonym, select inside the cell and update the text. Once you've made updates to one or more synonyms, select **Save**. All officers from the road entered will receive an email alerting them of the update.
- To delete one or more existing synonyms, select **Delete**. A confirmation pop-up will ask you if you are sure that you want to delete the selected synonym(s). Select **Yes** to delete the synonym(s) or **No** to return without deleting. All officers from the road entered will receive an email alerting them of the delete.

## Creating CIF Synonyms

Only users with Embargo Officer or OPSL Note Officer permission have access to create CIF synonyms.

Use the following procedure to create a new synonym from the Tools menu:

1. Select **Tools > CIF Synonym Table > Create New Synonym**. The Create New Synonym page is displayed. Your road is automatically entered.

**Exhibit 154. Create New Synonym**

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Create New Synonym". At the top left, there is a label "Road \*" and a text input field containing "BNSF". Below this is a label "CIF" followed by a search icon (magnifying glass), a plus sign, and a trash can icon. To the right of the "CIF" field is a large, empty text area with the instruction "Enter each synonym on a separate line". At the bottom right of the form are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Save".

2. Enter a **CIF** number. Use the search icon and enter a **Patron** name or **CIF** number to search and select a checkbox and select the **Select** button. The selected CIF is added to the page.
3. Select the + plus sign to add additional CIF numbers and use the delete icon to remove them.
4. Enter one or more synonyms into the box on the right, each on a separate line.
5. Select **Save** to save the synonym(s). The My Road's CIF Synonyms page displays, and the new synonym appears in the list for the road.

## Viewing Synonyms Created For All Roads


Only users with Embargo Officer or OPSL Note Officer permission have access to view synonyms that were created for all roads.

Use the following procedure to view synonyms created for all roads from the Tools menu:

1. Select **Tools > CIF Synonym Table > View Synonyms**. The View Synonyms page is displayed.

### Exhibit 155. View Synonyms

CIF Number	Patron Name	Synonyms	City	State	Synonym Created By
0028719940000	VALUE PLASTIC INC	Value Market Inc Value Savings Corp Value Plus	FORT COLLINS	CO	BNSF, KCS, EARLY
0069117470000	BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ...	BANK 456 TESTING LLC	CHARLOTTE	NC	BNSF
0069283110000	ACE HARDWARE CORP	ACE HARDWARE	OAK BROOK	IL	EARLY
0095878370000	VALUEPLUS TRANSPORTATION ...	Value Market Inc Value Savings Corp Value Plus	COMPTON	CA	BNSF, KCS
0176061040000	ACE HARDWARE & ELECTRIC CO	ACE HARDWARE	CINCINNATI	OH	YRC

2. The **CIF Number** and the **Patron Name** are the first two columns.
3. Only 3 synonyms appear per CIF number. If more are available, an arrow appears in the bottom right corner of the **Synonyms** box. Select the arrow to see the full set of synonyms.
4. The **City** and **State** are the location associated with the Patron Name.
5. The **Synonyms Created By** column shows the roads that created each synonym for the CIF.
6. To filter on a column, hover over a column header and select the three lines to the right of the column header and use the drop-down list to select how you want to filter on the content and enter your filter criteria. Select the **Clear Filters** button to clear all filters.
7. Select the Download icon  to open or save the list of synonyms as a spreadsheet.
8. Select **Refresh** to close any open Synonym boxes and refresh the page.



## View Amendment Reasons

Only Railinc Administrators have access to this function.

Use the following procedure to view the list of amendment reasons.

1. Select **Tools > View Amendment Reasons**. The Amendment Reasons Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 156](#)).

**Exhibit 156. Amendment Reasons Details**

**Amendment Reasons Details**

Number of Amendment Reason(s): 22 ✖ Clear Filters

Code	Description
<a href="#">RW</a>	Remove Total Weight On Rail
<a href="#">AC</a>	Add CIF Customer
<a href="#">CC</a>	Add Clearance Code
<a href="#">AS</a>	Add STCC
<a href="#">AW</a>	Add Total Weight On Rail
<a href="#">AU</a>	Add UMLER ETC
<a href="#">EF</a>	Add/Remove Stations by Participant
<a href="#">AF</a>	Adding FSAC/Junction
<a href="#">AP</a>	Allow Permits
<a href="#">DP</a>	Disallow Permits
<a href="#">OT</a>	Other-Specify
<a href="#">RC</a>	Remove CIF Customer
<a href="#">CR</a>	Remove Clearance Code
<a href="#">RF</a>	Remove FSAC/Junction
<a href="#">RS</a>	Remove STCC
<a href="#">RU</a>	Remove UMLER ETC

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Cancel
Add Amendment Reason

From the Amendment Reasons Details page, you can edit an existing reason code or select **Add Amendment Reason** to create a new amendment reason code.

2. Select a listed Amendment Reason Code to edit that code. The Edit Amendment Reason page is displayed (see [Exhibit 157](#)).

**Exhibit 157. Edit Amendment Reason**

**Edit Amendment Reason** ✕

Code  
AP

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Description  
Allow Permits

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Cancel Clear Save

3. Edit the Code Description as needed and select **Save** to save the updates.

## EDI 824 All Clear Messages

If a waybill has been called in that received an 824 hold, and if within 21 days the embargo is amended or canceled, the 417 is reevaluated to see if the embargo still applies to it and if there are no holds from any embargo, then an 824 All Clear Message is sent out (900000000GA).

**Exhibit 158. EDI 824 All Clear**

**EDI 824 Details** ✕

900000000GA: All Clear Notification

Message Id: 480352 EDI Recipients: CSXT

Email Recipients:

EDI 824 Message:

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ISA*04*SW824  *00*      *02*RREP      *02*CSXT      *211102*0822*U*00801*020822058*0*P_
GS*WB*RREP*CSXT*20211102*0822*020822058*X*008010RAIL
ST*824*020822058
BGN*00*417*20211102*0822
OTI*TA*EQ*GATX049907*****125790167*901670001**008010
REF*WY*817954
DTM*WAY*20211102
LM*AR*RGUIDE
LQ*STF*900000000GA
RED*CSXT723021*RP
SE*9*020822058
GE*1*020822058
IEA*1*020822058
    
```

Corresponding EDI 417 Message:

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RRDC 0001SWAYB001001130640RRW5CSXT /100130640/BNSF 01671001130540/
GS*WB*CSXT*RRWS*20211102*0540*125790167*X*008010
ST*417*901670001
BX*04*R*PP*826782*BNSF*L*6*N
BNX*A*S
N9*BM*826782*BILL OF LADING NUMBER*20211102*04230000*CT
N7*GATX*49907*296400*G*63600*****TN****4509*A****178*127
N8*817954*20211102
F9*40197*ARMOREL*VA*****604114
D9*28644*ARMOREL*SC*****604114
N1*CN*NUCOR-YAMATO STEEL CO*C5*7900059959000
N3*5929 E ST HWY 18
NA#ARMOREL#AR
    
```

## Viewing EDI 824 Messages

The AAR Embargo System receives waybill information via EDI 417 messages from the [Forward and Store](#) application. The AAR Embargo System analyzes the waybill to determine if there are any active embargoes or OPSL Notes associated with waybill parameters. If there are active embargoes or OPSL Notes that apply to the waybill, the AAR Embargo System sends an EDI 824 message back to the billing road or the sender of the EDI 417/waybill about the existence of an embargo or OPSL Note.

There are a variety of error codes that can be contained in an EDI 824 message. These error codes are described in [Viewing EDI 824 Error Codes and Descriptions](#).

Use the following procedure to access the EDI 824 Viewer. Records are displayed back 90 days from the present.

1. Select **Tools > EDI 824 Viewer**. The Search Outbound 824 Messages page is displayed (see [Exhibit 159](#)).

**Exhibit 159. Search Outbound 824 Messages**

**Search Outbound 824 Messages** ^

Embargo/ OPSL Note Number Receiving Road

Example: XYZ000111 (for Embargo) or XYXAF0111 (for OPSL Note)

**Lead Car**

Initial Number

**Waybill**

Number Date

Sender Road Billed Road

**Date Range**

From To

11-02-2021 11-03-2021

2. Complete the available input fields. Select **Search** to initiate the search. The Search Outbound 824 Results page is displayed (see [Exhibit 160](#)).

**Exhibit 160. Search Outbound 824 Results**

Search Outbound 824 Messages

Search Outbound 824 Results

Number of Outbound 824 Result(s): 1067

Message...	Embargo Number	Waybill Nu...	Waybill ...	Lead Car Initial	Lead Car Number	Transmission Date	Synony... ↓	824 Cont...
1251349	<a href="#">EARY000123</a> , <a href="#">EARY000223</a>	565660	11-14-2023	CCBX	57638	11-14-2023 10:27:39	Yes	<a href="#">View</a>
1251348	<a href="#">EARY000123</a> , <a href="#">EARY000223</a>	565659	11-14-2023	CCBX	57638	11-14-2023 10:27:21	Yes	<a href="#">View</a>
1251295	<a href="#">EARY000223</a> , <a href="#">EARY000123</a>	653124	11-14-2023	CCBX	57638	11-14-2023 10:02:58	Yes	<a href="#">View</a>
1251457	<a href="#">BNSF001923</a>	455288	11-14-2023	TTGX	255884	11-14-2023 12:30:43	No	<a href="#">View</a>
1251456	<a href="#">CSXT003023</a>	872390	11-14-2023	CSXT	495601	11-14-2023 12:25:57	No	<a href="#">View</a>
1251455	<a href="#">KCSM002723</a>	258	11-14-2023	SHPX	222933	11-14-2023 12:21:17	No	<a href="#">View</a>

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- Use the bottom scroll bar to scroll to the right and select the **View** hyperlink of a listed 824 record to view its full details. The EDI 824 Details page is displayed (see [Exhibit 161](#)).

**Exhibit 161. EDI 824 Details**

EDI 824 Details

EARY000223 - 955003030GE: Commodity embargoed-Waybill requires permit  
 EARY000223 - 921001010GE: Destination station embargoed  
 EARY000223 - 922004040GE: Party to Waybill embargoed-Waybill requires permit  
 EARY000223 - ACE HARDWARE SHOP: CIF Synonym Logic Used  
 EARY000123 - 955003030GE: Commodity embargoed-Waybill requires permit  
 EARY000123 - 921001010GE: Destination station embargoed  
 EARY000123 - 922004040GE: Party to Waybill embargoed-Waybill requires permit  
 EARY000123 - ACE HARDWARE SHOP: CIF Synonym Logic Used

Message Id: 1251348 EDI Recipients: EARY, UP

Email Recipients:

EDI 824 Message:

```
#RREP 0000SWAYB002311141027EARY /233181027/RREP 67132311141027/
GS*WB*RREP*EARY*20231114*1027*141027050*X*008030RAIL
ST*824*141027050
BGN*00*417*20231114*1027
OTI*TE*EQ*CCBX057638*****35861*0001**008030
REF*WY*565659
DTM*WAY*20231114
LM*AR*RGUIDE
LQ*STF*955003030GE
RED*EARY000223*RP
LQ*STF*921001010GE
RED*EARY000223*RP
LQ*STF*922004040GE
RED*EARY000223*RP
LQ*STF*955003030GE
RED*EARY000123*RP
LQ*STF*921001010GE
RED*EARY000123*RP
```

- Error codes and their descriptions appear at the top for each embargo listed.
  - Select **Print** to print the details page.
  - Select **Close** to close the details page.

## Viewing EDI 824 Error Codes and Descriptions

Use the following procedure to view the list of EDI 824 error codes and descriptions. This information is useful when determining why a waybill has received a notice of embargo or OPSL Note.

1. Select **Tools > View EDI 824 Error Codes**. The EDI 824 Error Codes and Descriptions page is displayed (see [Exhibit 162](#)).

**Exhibit 162. EDI 824 Error Codes and Descriptions**

Error Code	Description
90000000GA	All Clear Notification
905001010GE	More than one Embargo Number given in the Waybill
905001011GE	More than one Permit Number given in the Waybill
905001012GE	Permit number is required if Embargo Number is given
905001013GE	Embargo number is required if Permit Number is given
905002020GE	Embargo Number provided in the Waybill is not found in the Database
905002021GE	Permit Number provided in the Waybill is not found in the Database
905002022GE	Permit Number provided is not for the Embargo
905002023GE	Attributes of the Waybill do not match the conditions specified in the Embargo
905002024GE	Permit Expired
905002025GE	Permit already used
905002026GE	Permit not allowed as Embargo is in effect

2. Use the scroll bar to view the full list of error codes.
3. Select **Cancel** to close the EDI 824 Error Codes and Descriptions page.

## Appendix A. User Access Rights

The AAR Embargo System is structured to provide different levels of access to users depending on their assigned roles. The following list identifies the existing roles and their associated privileges.

**Public** – anyone who visits the site without logging in

- Search and view level 4 embargoes (except for the commodity list)
- Search and view embargoes and tariff notes
- Search and view embargo officers

**Party to Waybill** – any valid party to the waybill

- View all the fields in a level 4 embargo (except for the commodity list)
- Search and view embargoes and tariff notes
- Embargo permits (request, view, edit own permit requests)
- Tariff note permits (request, view, edit own permit requests)
- View embargo and permit officers
- Subscribe to embargo and tariff note notifications

**Road Embargo Officer** – embargo officer of a road

- View all the fields in a level 4 embargo (except for the commodity list)
- Search and view embargoes and tariff notes
- Issue (request for) and maintain non-level 4 embargoes on behalf of his/her road (issue, amend, cancel, reissue, view, clone, export, print)
- View audit log
- View journal
- Create/view embargo templates
- Create/view geographic templates
- View embargo and permit officers
- Subscribe to embargo and tariff note notifications
- View subscriptions
- Maintain a list of contacts to be notified when an embargo or tariff note is issued

**Non-Level 4 Embargo Administrator** – Railinc Embargo Administrators validate embargo information before it reaches the public.

- View all the fields in a level 4 embargo (except for the commodity list)
- Search and view embargoes and tariff notes

- Issue (request for) non-level 4 embargoes on behalf of a railroad (issue, amend, cancel, reissue, edit, approve, reject, view, clone, export, print)
- View audit log
- View journal
- Create/view embargo templates
- Create/view geographic templates
- Maintain embargo officers
- View permit officers
- Subscribe to embargo and tariff note notifications
- View subscriptions
- Create/view contacts
- Maintain FTP profile

### **Level 4 AAR Embargo Officer** – AAR Embargo Officer or designated administrator

- Perform all non-level 4 functions (except for the commodity list)
- Perform level-4 embargo functions (issue, amend, cancel, reissue, view without commodities, clone, export, print)
- View audit log
- View journal
- Create embargo templates
- View embargo templates
- Create geographic templates
- View geographic templates
- Edit and delete issued level 4 embargoes prior to approval by the Level 4 AAR Embargo Administrator
- View embargo and permit officers
- Subscribe to embargo and tariff note notifications
- View subscriptions
- Create/view contacts

### **Level 4 AAR Embargo Administrator** – AAR Embargo Officer

- Perform all non-level 4 and level 4 functions (except for the commodity list)
- Approve level 4 embargoes
- Amend or cancel existing level 4 embargoes
- Delete expired level 4 embargoes
- Maintain embargo officers



- View permit officers
- Subscribe to embargo and tariff note notifications
- View subscriptions
- Create/view contacts
- Maintain FTP profile

### **Railroad Permit Officer** – Permit Officer of a Road

- View all the fields in a level 4 embargo (except for the commodity list)
- Search and view embargoes and tariff notes
- Accept/reject and cancel permit requests for authorized roads
- View, create, import, export non-level 4 permits for authorized roads
- View level 4 permits for authorized road
- View audit log
- View embargo and permit officers

### **Non-Level 4 Permit Administrator** – Railinc Permit Administrator

- View all the fields in a level 4 embargo (except for the commodity list)
- Search and view embargoes and tariff notes
- View, accept/reject and cancel non-level 4 permit requests sent to any road
- View, create, cancel, import, export, non-level 4 permits issued by any road
- View audit log
- View embargo and permit officers

### **Level 4 AAR Permit Administrator** – AAR Embargo Officer or designated administrator

- View all the fields in a level 4 embargo (except for the commodity list)
- Search and view embargoes and tariff notes
- Accept/reject permit requests for level 4 embargoes for which he/she is the permit officer
- Cancel level 4 permit requests for which he/she is the permit officer
- Create a permit for level 4 embargoes
- View all level 4 permits
- View audit log
- View embargo and permit officers

### **Level 4 STCC Viewer** – Valid party to Waybill

- View commodity list on level 4 embargoes
- Search and view embargoes and tariff notes

### **OPSL Tariff Notes Officer** - Tariff Notes Officer of a Road

- View all the fields in a level 4 embargo (except for the commodity list)
- Search and view embargoes
- Maintain tariff notes for own road (issue, amend, cancel, expire, view, clone, export, print)
- View audit log
- View journal
- View and create tariff note templates
- View and create geographic template

### **OPSL Tariff Notes Admin** - Specifically assigned to personnel from Railinc to validate the tariff note information before it reaches the public

- View all the fields in a level 4 embargo (except for the commodity list)
- Search and view embargoes
- Maintain tariff notes for all roads (issue, amend, cancel, expire, edit, view, clone, export, print)
- View audit log
- View journal
- View and create tariff note templates
- View and create geographic templates

### **OPSL Tariff Notes Permit Officer** - Permit Officer of a road

- View all the fields in a level 4 embargo (except for the commodity list)
- Search and view embargoes and tariff notes
- OPSL Tariff Notes Permit Admin can only act on permits from its own road (approve, create, reject, cancel, request)
- View permits
- View permit requests
- Edit own permit requests (clone, export, import, print)
- View audit log
- View embargo officers

### **OPSL Tariff Notes Permit Admin** – Railinc personnel

- View all the fields in a level 4 embargo (except for the commodity list)
- Search and view embargoes and tariff notes
- OPSL Tariff Notes Permit Admin can act on permits from any road (approve, create, reject, cancel, request)

- View permits
- View permit requests
- Edit own permit requests (clone, export, import, print)
- View audit log
- View embargo officers

### **Read-only User** - Railinc CSC support personnel

- Level 4 Embargoes (view without commodities, export, print, view audit log, view journal, view embargo template, view geographic templates)
- Level 4 Embargo Permits (view permit, view permit request, export, print, view audit log)
- Embargoes (view, export, print, view audit log, view journal, view embargo templates, view geographic templates)
- OPSL Tariff Notes (view, export, print, view audit log, view journal, view tariff note templates)
- Embargo Permits (view permit, view permit request, export, print, view audit log)
- Tariff Note Permits (view permit, view permit request, export, print, view audit log)
- View embargo and permit officers
- View embargo and tariff note subscriptions
- View contacts
- View FTP profiles

## Glossary

**AAR**—Association of American Railroads.

**ARB**—Arbitration and Rules Committee.

**Car Hire**—Car Hire is a usage charge paid to car owners by railroads for the use of freight cars and appurtenances.

**CBA**—Counter Billing Authorities.

**CRB**—Car Repair Billing Committee.

**Damaged Car**—A damaged car is one governed by Interchange Rule 107. Such cars are badly damaged or destroyed.

**Defective Car**—A defective car is one governed by Interchange Rule 108. Such cars require general repairs in excess of 36 hours including trucks or 25 hours excluding trucks.

**DV**—Depreciated Value.

**EOT Device**—End of Train Device.

**FSAC**—Freight Station Accounting Code.

**ICD**—Interchange Delivery.

**ICR**—Interchange Receipt.

**JIC**—Joint Inspection Certificate.

**LCS**—Liability Continuity System.

**RCH**—Railroad Clearinghouse.

**SPLC**—Standard Point Location Code.

**Umler**—formerly the Universal Machine Language Equipment Register [UMLER].

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