**Legal Title**
Rail Accident Prevention and Response Fund

**Legal Citation/Authority**
Chapter 766, Statutes of 1991
Public Utilities Code section 7713

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**Purpose**
This fund was created to cover the costs of programs, equipment, materials, and operating expenditures of the Railroad Accident Prevention and Immediate Deployment Force.

**Administering Agency/Organization Code**
Department of Toxic Substances Control/Org 3960

**Major Revenue Source**
Fees collected from surface transporters (railroads and trucking companies) of hazardous materials and penalties.

**Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)**
Transferred to the Hazardous Spill Prevention Account (Fund 0059).

**Appropriation Authority**
Moneys in this fund are available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

**State Appropriations Limit**
Excluded—Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues are used to regulate the activities engaged in by the carriers.

**Comments/Historical Information**
Chapter 766, Statutes of 1991 created the Rail Accident Prevention and Response Fund and the Railroad Accident Prevention and Immediate Deployment Force within the California Environmental Protection Agency. Within this fund is the Hazardous Spill Prevention Account (Fund 0059) where a portion of this fund is deposited.

The authority for the fees that were collected from each surface transporter of hazardous materials in California to cover the costs of the programs, equipment, and facilities applicable to each specific transportation mode, and are deposited into this fund became inoperative effective December 31, 1995, although the program mandate continues. This fund cannot be abolished without a change in statute, since there is an account established within the fund.