- 1. Main-line train to train collision.
- 2. Engineer disregard of a red signal as a result of an unsafe track condition or switch position.
- 3. Automatic application of the train brakes to a train when the engineer or conductor has not complied with a red signal indication.

The rules for ATC are provided in 49 CFR Part 236 Subpart E–Automatic Train Stop, Train Control and Cab Signal Systems.