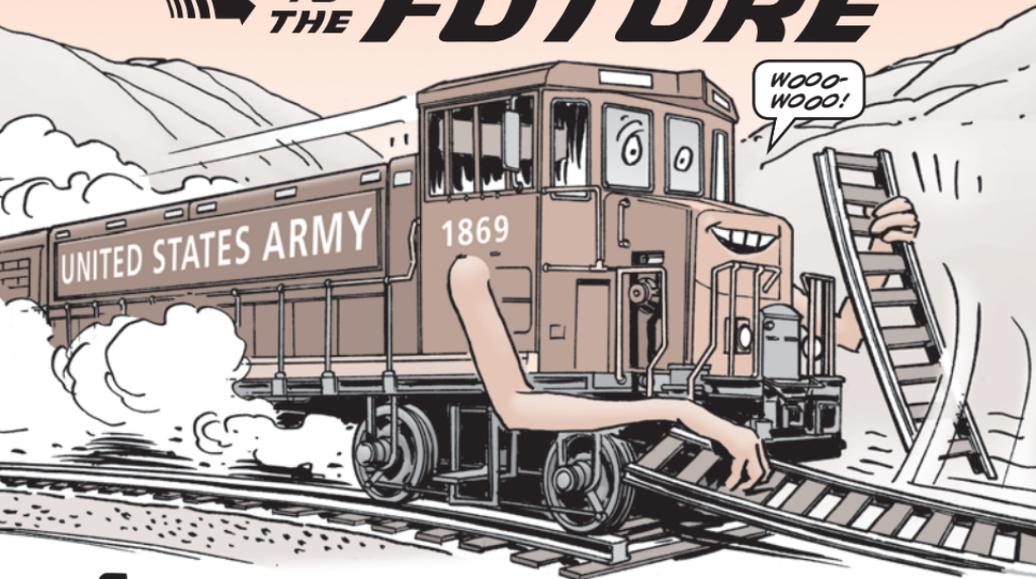


SWITCHING TRACKS *TO* THE **FUTURE**



Army Regulation 56-3, *Management of Army Rail Equipment*, has had a major revision, effective 30 Sep 09.

This regulation implements DOD 4140.50-R, *Management and Standards for DOD Locomotives*, which prescribes Army policies and command responsibilities for maintaining and operating rolling stock, track maintenance equipment, and locomotives. It also covers the provision of theater military railway service and operating utility railroads.

The updated AR applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserves.

AR 56-3 Updates

Some of the major updates include:

- Adding Defense Generator and Rail Center responsibilities
- Reassigning responsibilities of the Installation Management Command
- Implementing the newly-developed Rail Crew Qualification Course
- Detailing responsibilities for installations in field and sustainment maintenance
- Describing new criteria for repair of rail equipment

The AR also outlines a 20-year program to replace the entire Army locomotive fleet.

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