

# **PACER STACKTRAIN**

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**RE: Northeast Winter Weather Update**

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The Greater Northeast continues to suffer from persistent single-digit freezing weather conditions. Many of the Interstate Highways are closed making it difficult for all of the underlying railroads to shuttle crews to and from their respective trains. Ultimately, all railroad and highway movement will be negatively affected through the weekend.

Longer term, the prognosis for the Northeast over the next several days is that temperatures should gradually increase then possibly could turn back to freezing conditions by weeks end. This variance in temperature will make the many of the interstate highways extremely icy and in many cases impassable. This will of course again, negatively impact the ability to shuttle crews to / from trains - which is the case right now, and ultimately further delay the recovery process.

Because of these freezing conditions and the overall rail network sluggishness, we should expect 24 to 36 hour delays to trains operating to and from the Northeast through the beginning of next week.

Such a decrease in overall train velocity will have a negative impact to railcar and locomotive assets at the terminals too which will cause delays to train departures and delays from train arrival to train discharge.

We will continue to monitor the situation and advise if conditions worsen.

Thanks for your patience during these trying times.

If you have specific questions, please contact your local customer service or business development representative.