SHUTDOWN TIMELINE

7 DAYS
Railroad carriers begin preparing for a strike.

4 DAYS
Railroad carriers halt all hazardous material shipments in accordance with railroads’ statutory and regulatory hazmat custodial responsibilities.

72-48 HOURS
Implement steps to mitigate congestion and capacity issues at handoff locations since as many as 20% of rail cars are outside of rail yards moving from one location to another. Amtrak begins stopping long-distance intercity passenger trains.

48 HOURS
Hold loaded and empty unit trains at customer locations and position them for an easier resumption of service.

24 HOURS
Cancel and/or consolidate trains to prevent personnel, locomotives and rail cars from being left in vulnerable or obstructive locations. Notify commuter trains that use freight lines of potential suspension of service.

12 HOURS
Latest allowable dispatching of freight and Amtrak trains so they can be safely positioned before shutdown.

0 HOURS
Intermodal yards shutdown, causing backups in on-dock rail and seaports.

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