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1.5 Definitions of Highway-Rail Intersections

For the National Crossing Inventory purposes, the following definitions apply for all public, private and pedestrian crossings, with or without crossing signs or active warning devices.

A highway-rail crossing is the intersection (at grade or grade separated) of a roadway (including associated sidewalks and pathways) and one or more railroad tracks. A crossing at a dual or multi-lane roadway is reported as a single crossing. Also, a crossing is reported as a "single crossing" even where there are multiple tracks within the limits of a single set of crossing signs or warning devices and even if the individual tracks belong to more than one railroad company or track owner. (For further discussion of this latter point, see Section 2.3 of this manual.) As a minimum, all at-grade crossings of public and private roads and streets with railroad tracks across are assigned an inventory number if any railroad operations are conducted.

As a general rule, and if no other agreement exists, a crossing that is located (usually equally) on a State, county and/or city boundary line should be considered to be geographically located in the jurisdiction that is South or East of the crossing.

NOTE:

49 CFR Part 234.5(a) provides the following definition:

"Highway-rail grade crossing means a location where a public highway, road, street, or private roadway, including associated sidewalks and pathways, crosses one or more railroad tracks at grade."

For the purposes of the Inventory only, the following definitions apply:

Public Crossing.























