NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF OPERATING CONDITIONS

Chicago Integrated Rail Operations Center (CIROC) is staffed 24/7 to monitor and facilitate rail operations.
CIROC has direct connections with each carrier and track views to identify issues and assist in their resolution to address congestion and reduce delays.
The Chicago Terminal Operating Condition (OpCon) Agreement provides the framework necessary to quickly identify and mitigate, to the degree reasonably practicable, potential and current operating conditions or events that would negatively impact rail traffic moving via the Chicago Gateway. Safety of operations is integral throughout the OpCon plan processes.
The plan provides for an automated monitoring of terminal, yard, corridor and weather conditions linked to specific levels of volume/activity which could adversely impact terminal operations. These metrics, when exceeding preset levels will require predetermined countermeasures geared to effectively remove a set percentage of cars/trains from the affected location(s) in order to restore fluidity of operations.
Further deterioration of the automatic indicators will require additional, predetermined, focused countermeasures geared to remove an even greater percentage of volumes to expedite a more rapid recovery, while enabling unaffected areas to continue a more normal operation.
Overall Terminal Operating Conditions and Individual Yard, Road or Corridor conditions that impact operations are monitored and categorized separately for purposes of required countermeasures. The Operating Conditions are defined as Green, Yellow and Red. Actions between railroad partners range from a creation of by-pass traffic to specific diversion of Chicago traffic (cars and trains) to other gateways.
CIROC is charged with implementation and management of the Chicago Terminal Operating Condition Agreement which includes quick escalation in cases of ineffective or insufficient countermeasures.

CHANGE (+/-) IN REPORTED NUMBERS:

No significant changes in inventory over the last seven days

OPCON (ALERT LEVEL) CHANGES:

No OPCON changes in the last seven days

EVENT(S) THAT AFFECTED OPERATING CONDITIONS:

None