



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD - **Public Hearing**

Conrail Derailment in Paulsboro, NJ with Vinyl Chloride Release

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Washington Township

Title

Washington Township Resolution
to Withdraw from Hazmat Team

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION 8-2013

**RESOLUTION WITHDRAWING THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT FROM THE
GLOUCESTER COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND DECONTAMINATION TEAMS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Washington Township Fire District No. 1, Gloucester County, New Jersey wish to publically affirm the withdrawal of the Washington Township Fire District from the Gloucester County Hazardous Materials and Decontamination teams; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Fire Commissioners made its decision based upon a presentation to it by members of the County team who responded to the catastrophe in Paulsboro on November 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, those emergency responders were unnecessarily exposed to toxic gases in part due to the negligence of the county by its failure to maintain the equipment required to detect exposure; and

WHEREAS, these individuals can never know how much and for how long they were exposed to Vinyl Chloride, and

WHEREAS, this incident was the culmination of an ongoing lackadaisical commitment to HAZMAT and DECON at the county level; and

WHEREAS, these individuals withdrew from the team and made a request to the Washington Township Board of Fire Commissioners to formally withdraw from the county teams; and

WHEREAS, Chairman, Samuel Micklus, corresponded with the Gloucester County Emergency Response Center advising same that the Washington Township Board of Fire Commissioners voted to withdraw the Washington Township Fire District from the Gloucester County Hazardous Materials and Decontamination teams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Washington Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey, hereby affirms and memorialize the withdrawal of the Washington Township Fire District from the Gloucester County Hazardous Materials and Decontamination teams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST: ** PII **
 [Signature]
Secretary

DATE: 1/3/13

Washington Township Board of Fire Commissioners

 ** PII **
 [Signature]
Samuel W. Micklus, Chairman