



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD - **Public Hearing**

Conrail Derailment in Paulsboro, NJ with Vinyl Chloride Release

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National Transportation Safety Board

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Paulsboro Hearing Brochure

**Witnesses (cont'd):**

3. Joe Eldridge, Director of Environmental & Occupational Health Services  
New Jersey Department of Health
4. Gregory Cade, Director Government Affairs  
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
5. Chief Robert Royall, Chairman of Hazardous Material Committee and  
Assistant Chief, Emergency Operations, Harris County, Texas  
International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

**BREAK - 10:00 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.**

**PANEL 3 - Parties / Board of Inquiry - 10:25 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**LUNCH - 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**PANEL 4: STATE AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE ACTIONS**

**Technical Panel - 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Technical Panelists:**

John Vorderbrueggen (Chair), Paul Stancil, Larry Bowling, Muhamed El-Zoghbi

**Topic Areas Include:**

- New Jersey emergency operations planning and area contingency plan.
- Examine previous approvals, reviews, and findings related to the Paulsboro emergency preparedness.
- The availability of plume modeling to an Incident Commander (IC).
- Discuss the local and state actions and public statements in Paulsboro.
- The issues involved when state or federal agencies establish a unified command in a local jurisdiction.
- The Coast Guard decision process and actions leading to Unified Command.

**Witnesses:**

1. Robert Van Fossen, Director of Emergency Management  
New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection
2. Joe Eldridge, Director of Environmental & Occupational Health Services  
New Jersey Department of Health
3. Sergeant Bryan Everingham, State Trooper  
New Jersey State Police (Office of Emergency Management)
4. Captain Kathy Moore, Sector Commander, Delaware Bay, FOSC  
United States Coast Guard
5. Scott Lundgren, Tech. Advisor, Office of Marine Env. Response  
United States Coast Guard

**BREAK - 2:30 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.**

**PANEL 4 - Parties / Board of Inquiry - 2:55 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**CHAIRMAN - CLOSING REMARKS - 4:30 p.m.**



**NTSB  
INVESTIGATIVE HEARING  
JULY 9-10, 2013**

**CONRAIL TRAIN  
DERAILMENT WITH  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RELEASE  
PAULSBORO, NEW JERSEY, NOVEMBER 2012**



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ACCIDENT ID: DCA13MR002

**HEARING AGENDA  
JULY 9 - 10, 2013  
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

## DAY ONE - JULY 9, 2013

### Opening Statements - 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Opening Statement by the Chairman of the Board of Inquiry

Description of accident and investigation by the Investigator in Charge

## PANEL 1: CONRAIL BRIDGE OPERATIONS

### Technical Panel - 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

#### Technical Panelists:

Ted Turpin (Chair), Steve Jenner, Jim Southworth, Dave Watson

#### Topic Areas Include:

- Engineer and Conductor's narrative of Accident.
- Overview of Conrail operations, Conrail moveable bridge operations (bridge trouble tickets, and operational rules), training, and qualifying of train and engine crews.
- Conrail Safety Management: Risk evaluation; reporting and resolution of hazards or equipment failures.
- FRA's regulation and monitoring of the railroad (moveable bridges) and operational rules oversight.

#### Witnesses:

1. Les Fiorenzo, Regional Administrator  
Federal Railroad Administration
2. Neil Ferrone, Chief Risk Officer  
Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail)
3. Wilbert den Ouden, Conrail Conductor  
Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail)
4. Mark Mather Conrail Locomotive Engineer,  
Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail)
5. Tim Tierney, Conrail Vice President / Chief Engineer

### BREAK - 10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

### PANEL 1 - Parties / Board of Inquiry - 10:55 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.

### LUNCH - 12:25 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.

## PANEL 2: INITIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

### Technical Panel - 1:55 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.

#### Technical Panelists:

Rick Downs (Chair), Paul Stancil, Steve Jenner, Muhamed El-Zoghbi

#### Topic Areas Include:

- Response efforts during the first day of the release.
- Hazardous materials emergency response operations, including
  - Inter-agency and railroad communications

#### Topic Areas Include (cont'd):

- Site characterization and hazardous materials identification
- Worker [responder] protection
- Paulsboro responder training and qualifications
- Roles of the Hazardous Materials teams during the response.
- Paulsboro community protective action.

#### Witnesses:

1. Chief Alfonso G. Giampola, Paulsboro Fire Department  
Borough of Paulsboro
2. Deputy Chief Gary C. Stevenson, Paulsboro Fire Department  
Borough of Paulsboro
3. Captain Vernon Marino, Paulsboro Police Department  
Borough of Paulsboro
4. Neil Ferrone Chief Risk Officer  
Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail)
5. Patrick Robinson, Emergency Services Superintendent  
Paulsboro Refining Company
6. Gary Fillingame, Trainmaster  
Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail)

### BREAK - 3:05 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### PANEL 2 - Parties / Board of Inquiry - 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## DAY TWO - JULY 10, 2013

## PANEL 3: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

### Technical Panel - 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

#### Technical Panelists:

Steve Blackistone (Chair), Paul Stancil, Gary Helmer, Erik Grosf

#### Topic Areas Include:

- Occupational Safety and Health requirements for emergency response personnel exposed to uncontrolled releases of hazardous materials.
- New Jersey and Federal Occupational Safety and Health requirements for HAZMAT response.
- Incident command operations to organize, control, and manage an incident.
- Recommended practices and mandated procedures for response operations such as site evaluation, hazard controls.
- Pre-incident planning and NFPA 472 Standard of Competencies.

#### Witnesses:

1. Glenn Roemmich, Emergency Management Coordinator  
Paulsboro Office of Emergency Management
2. Jack DeAngelo, Deputy Emergency Manager  
Gloucester County Emergency Response