
Appendix E
Hazardous Materials Group Factual
Hulcher Witness Memo

Graniteville, SC
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Emergency Response MEMORANDUM

To: Bob Trainor – NTSB

Tom Davis – Norfolk Southern Railroad

From: Chip Day

Date: January 18, 2005

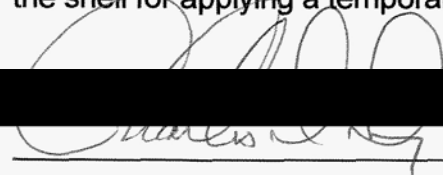
Re: Initial Damage Assessment of UTLX 900270

Upon arrival and during the initial briefing at the Incident Command Post the Hulcher/SRS Team were permitted to enter the site to check pressures and perform the initial damage assess on the three involved chlorine tankcars.

The entry team, suited in level "B" protective clothing entered the site from the eastern side and began the assessment at the south end of the wreck. Chlorine tankcar UTLX 900270 was sitting across the main/siding track and chlorine vapors were visible coming out of the jacket on the right side at the 3 o'clock position approximately 20 feet inboard from the "A" end as well as the "A" end right side around the bolster assembly.

Steel coil car CSXT 496430 was situated perpendicular to the chlorine tankcar UTLX 900270 with its "B" end coupler contacting the damaged jacket on chlorine tankcar UTLX 900270. Frost was visible on the coupler of CSXT 496430 indicating it was being super cooled by the auto-refrigerated chlorine escaping from UTLX 900270.

Once steel coil car CSXT 496430 was removed from the site, the jacket of UTLX 900270 was removed with the bucket of a trackhoe exposing the crack and dent in the shell for applying a temporary patch while a permanent patch was built.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Charles D. Day", is written over a solid black rectangular redaction box.

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