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VIA Electronic and Regular Mail

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Re: Conrail Train Derailment, Paulsboro, NJ
New Jersey Comments on NTSB Draft Factual Report

Dear Mr. Stancil:

I am providing, on behalf of the State of New Jersey, comments in connection with the National Transportation Safety Board ("NTSB") Investigation of the Conrail Train Derailment in Paulsboro, New Jersey on November 30, 2012. I am enclosing a copy of the DEP timeline (Group 3 Exhibit AV) and a letter from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management ("NJSP-OEM"), dated September 3, 2013, re-certifying the Paulsboro Emergency Operations Plan ("EOP") as of August 23, 2013.

NTSB Hazardous Materials Group Chairman's
Factual Report, dated June 17, 2013:

1. Comment on page 29 which states that a DEP representative arrived at 9:10 a.m. –

Please revise to read:

“At 8:40 a.m., a representative of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Emergency Management arrived on–scene.”

See, Group 3 Exhibit AV, enclosed for reference.

2. Comment on page 43, which states: “However, the EOP has not been recertified since July 31, 2010.”

Paulsboro now has an approved EOP. The Paulsboro EOP was reviewed and recommended for re-certification by the Gloucester County OEM. The EOP was then reviewed and re-certified by NJSP-OEM, Southern Region on August 23, 2013. A copy is enclosed. The recertified EOP will expire on August 31, 2017. The EOP is on file with the County OEM.

New Jersey has no comments on the other materials provided in the first set of reports. We anticipate that by the end of this week, I can provide you with a second letter regarding the "Addendum" you provided me on February 3.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NTSB draft factual reports, on behalf of New Jersey. Please let me know if you have any questions on these comments.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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