

DCA13MR002
Conrail - Shared Assets
Derailment/Hazardous Material Release
Paulsboro, New Jersey
November 30, 2012

Summary of Interview
Engineer Previous Train
November 19, 2012

NTSB - Summary of Interview

Attendance:

Ted T. Turpin	NTSB – Operations Group Chairman
Bob Tomaszewski	Railroad Safety Inspector
Ryan Keating	Conrail – Manager Field Operations

Name: Rich Vogt - Engineer

Location: Paulsboro Yard, New Jersey

Date: December 4, 2012

Subject: Engineer Vogt was on a train over the Paulsboro Moveable Bridge November 19, 2012 and the bridge failed to close. An engineering department employee assisted their movement over the bridge.

Engineer Vogt said that he had a red aspect at the bridge. He stopped the train. The bridge was open (normal position). He then activated the keypad and the bridge closed. The signal failed to clear and remained red. The conductor walked across the bridge and inspected the moveable parts. When the conductor reached the north end of the bridge he found about a four inch gap at the moveable part. The crew called for assistance and an employee from the engineering department arrived at the bridge. This employee checked the rail and approved the train movement over the bridge.

Engineer Vogt called the train dispatcher and received the proper authority to proceed by the red signal.

He was also asked if there were specific instructions as to what to look for or inspect if the signal failed to clear. He said that he didn't know of anything in writing however, they do check if the rails are aligned and that the moveable parts are in the proper position.