



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Investigative Hearing

Norfolk Southern Railway general merchandise freight train 32N
derailment with subsequent hazardous material release and fires,
in East Palestine, Ohio, on February 3, 2023

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Agency / Organization

Norfolk Southern Railway

Title

Biography of Robert Wood

Robert Wood
Director, Hazardous Materials
Norfolk Southern Railway Co.

Robert Wood is Director Hazardous Materials at Norfolk Southern, a role he started in May 16, 2023. In his current position, Mr. Wood is responsible for managing the company's emergency response to various incidents, including derailments that involve the release of hazardous materials, across Norfolk Southern's 22-state system.

Mr. Wood has more than 22 years of experience in the rail industry and has been an employee of Norfolk Southern since 2012, when he began working as a Hazardous Materials Compliance Officer. He was promoted to System Manager Hazardous Materials in 2019. Before that, Wood worked as an emergency response contractor for Norfolk Southern for approximately 12 years. Mr. Wood served 24 years with Birmingham Fire & Rescue Hazardous Materials Team.