



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

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety
Administration**

Title

Biography of William Schoonover



William S. Schoonover

William S. "Bill" Schoonover has served as the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, within the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration since 2016, serving as the senior career official for hazardous materials safety oversight in support of the safe transportation of more than 3.3 billion tons of regulated hazardous products valued at more than \$1.9 trillion, annually. He guides the management of the hazardous materials program's \$105 million budget and the more than 230 people who work to promote safe transportation of hazardous materials. Previously, Bill served as the Deputy Associate Administrator for Field Operations, leading PHMSA's comprehensive outreach and enforcement oversight program.

Mr. Schoonover has over 40 years of experience in the transportation industry and brings a wealth of experience having worked in several modes. Prior to joining PHMSA, Bill served with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for more than 20 years. He served in several progressive positions from a field inspector to the Staff Director of FRA's Hazardous Materials Division, within the Office of Railroad Safety where he served as the chief advisor to the agency on railroad hazardous materials safety issues. He began his career in 1980 with the United States Coast Guard. Mr. Schoonover also served with the Coast Guard Reserve from his active duty departure until retiring from military service in 2003.