



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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<b>EXHIBIT</b>	
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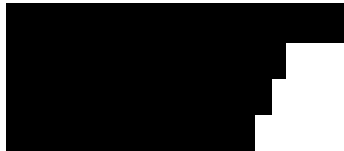
Agency / Organization

**Federal Railroad Administration**

Title

**Biography of Randy Keltz**

Randy M Keltz Jr.  
Manager, Tank Car Safety Programs  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Railroad Administration



Mr. Randy M Keltz Jr. is the Manager of Tank Car Safety Programs for the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). In this role, which he assumed in September 2015, Mr. Keltz manages FRA's Tank Car Safety Team for regulatory oversight and enforcement for railroad tank car safety in the United States. He collaborates with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and Transport Canada by providing subject matter expertise for rulemakings, research, and outreach activities to ensure safe, reliable, and efficient movement of DOT-specification tank cars that transport hazardous materials by rail in North America.

Mr. Keltz joined FRA in 2010 as a Tank Car Quality Assurance Specialist in the Hazardous Materials Division. In that role, he worked with other members of FRA's Tank Car Safety Team to develop, implement and execute the Agency's tank car safety program plan. This program covers all aspects of tank car safety including, compliance auditing of all facilities that manufacture, maintain, and qualify tank cars, compliance auditing of tank car equipment owner's qualification and maintenance programs, conducting tank car damage assessments at time of train derailments and oversight of the Association of American Railroad's Tank Car Committee. Randy was also temporarily promoted to Acting Staff Director of the Hazardous Materials Division until a permanent Staff Director was employed.

Before joining FRA, Randy worked for E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company (DuPont) in Wilmington, Delaware. At DuPont, he was a Railcar Fleet Manager in DuPont's Global Logistics Group where he managed the operation and utilization of over 5000 railroad freight and tank cars used to transport numerous types of hazardous materials including those toxic by inhalation. Prior to becoming a Fleet Manager, he served as the Bulk Transportation Equipment Quality Assurance Manager. In this role he oversaw all the maintenance and qualifications performed on all railroad tank and freight cars along with portable tank shipping containers.

Randy began his career in the railroad tank car industry in 1990 with Union Tank Car Company located in Altoona, Pennsylvania. For over fourteen years, he held various positions starting as a Certified Pressure Vessel Welder, then as a Nondestructive Testing Technician certified in several testing methods such as acoustic emission, ultrasonic flaw detection, magnetitic particle and direct visual. Ultimately, he was promoted to the position of Quality Assurance Inspector where he carried out the duties of inspection and estimating railroad tank cars for maintenance and qualifications as required by Federal regulations, industry standards and equipment owner's requirements. Additionally, he assisted with the implementation and execution of the facility's quality assurance program to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements.