



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

GROUP	A
EXHIBIT	
33	

Agency / Organization

Norfolk Southern

Title

Biography of Paul Williams

Paul Williams

Regional Manager Hazardous Materials, Norfolk Southern

Paul Williams is Regional Manager Hazardous Materials for Norfolk Southern's Southern Region. Mr. Williams assumed this role in 2019 and is responsible for managing Norfolk Southern's emergency response to incidents in the Southern Region, including derailments and spills involving hazardous material spills and releases from rail cars. He also conducts hazardous material and regulatory audits to ensure railcars are appropriately placed and handled. Mr. Williams serves as Norfolk Southern's representative to the Association of American Railroads' ("AAR") Tank Car Committee. The AAR is the world's leading railroad policy, research, standard setting and technology organization that focuses on the safety and productivity of the U.S. freight rail industry. Mr. Williams' work on the Committee involves technical design review and industry-wide interchange standard setting for rail tank cars to ensure safe movement of hazardous materials across the nation's rail network.