



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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**Norfolk Southern**

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**Norfolk Southern Joint Safety Letter to NS  
Employees and Unions Members (May 23, 2023)**



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To Norfolk Southern employees and union members:

Every day, America depends on union railroaders at Norfolk Southern to deliver the goods and materials that drive the U.S. economy. We are proud of that important work. We understand that our essential role comes with the responsibility to operate safely.

Protecting the safety of workers is one of the founding values of labor unions, and union leadership advocates tenaciously on behalf of the safety and wellbeing of our people. Management at Norfolk Southern shares that deeply held value, and invests time, energy, and resources to provide our people with the training, equipment, and technology to support safe operations. As a result, railroads are the safest way to move freight over land.

We can do better.

Today, national labor leaders and Norfolk Southern management are committing to work together to enhance rail safety for our people and the communities we serve. We won't agree on everything. That's okay. Our belief in the importance of safety unites us. We want our people to show up to work every day knowing their employer and their union are working diligently to help them do their jobs safely.

We will collaborate, consult experts, review best practices, and listen to the people closest to the work. Working together – and broadening the conversation to ensure *everyone* plays a part – is the best way to achieve meaningful improvement. We will remain open-minded, nimble, and fact-based, making changes as we learn. Along the way we will continue to look for other ways to collaborate to improve the quality of life for our colleagues.

To the employees and union members who are the heart and soul of Norfolk Southern – thank you for your work, your pride in serving customers, and your unwavering commitment to safety.

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