



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 26, 2014

In reply refer to: R-14-14

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
Washington, DC 20590

On July 29, 2014, the NTSB adopted its report concerning the November 30, 2012, accident, in which a Consolidated Rail Corporation train containing hazardous materials derailed, spilling vinyl chloride into Mantua Creek in Paulsboro, New Jersey.¹ Additional information about this accident and the resulting recommendations may be found in the report of the investigation, which can be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number RAR-14/01.

As a result of this investigation, the NTSB reiterated Safety Recommendations R-12-03, R-07-02, and R-07-04 and issued 20 new recommendations, including one to the Consolidated Rail Corporation, three to the Federal Railroad Administration, four to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, two to the Association of American Railroads, two to the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, one to the International Association of Fire Chiefs, one to the National Volunteer Fire Council, two to the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management, one to the New Jersey Bureau of Fire Department Services, one to the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, one to the New Jersey Department of Health, and the following recommendation to the US Department of Transportation:

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Require railroads transporting hazardous materials through communities to provide emergency responders and local and state emergency planning

¹ *Conrail Freight Train Derailment with Vinyl Chloride Release, Paulsboro, New Jersey, November 30, 2012*, Railroad Accident Report NTSB/RAR-14/01 (Washington, DC: NTSB, 2014).

committees with current commodity flow data and assist with the development of emergency operations and response plans.

This safety recommendation is derived from the NTSB's investigation and is consistent with the evidence we found and the analysis we performed. Acting Chairman HART and Members SUMWALT, ROSEKIND, and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov. If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

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By: Christopher A. Hart,
Acting Chairman