



# American Rail System Federation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

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SENT VIA E-MAIL: Brent.Emerson@nscorp.com

Mr. Emerson,

I am responding to your email that was received by our office on February 24, 2023.

The Organization does not object to the use of BMW employees to perform track repair and maintenance at the East Palestine, OH derailment site. The BMWED workers on the Norfolk Southern are proud professional railroader workers. That being said, I would like to remind you of NS's responsibility to assure the area is safe and remains that way throughout every stage of the rebuilding process. This includes potentially hazardous chemical exposure. The BMW requests that continuous air and soil monitoring take place at all locations where work is to be performed in order to ensure that our members are in a safe work environment. If any PPE is required such as respirators, rubber gloves, rubber boots, Tyvek suits etc. we request that they be readily available for our members.

In addition, I want to thank you for providing me with the current air monitoring records in such a timely manner. The Organization also requests that you make available all air monitoring records that have thus far been taken at the derailment site along with all air monitoring records taken throughout the completion of this project.

Respectfully,

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General Chairman, ARSF

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