



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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March 9, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Norfolk Southern Railway Company
c/o Marc R. Ferries, P.E., MBA
Project Navigator, Ltd.
15990 N. Barkers Landing Rd, Suite 325
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Re: East Palestine Train Derailment Site
Norfolk Southern Rail Line, East Palestine, Columbiana County, Ohio
Site/Spill Identifier (SSID): C5XR
Unilateral Administrative Order
Phase I – Preliminary Residential/Commercial/Agricultural Soil Sampling Plan
Quality Assurance Project Plan
Approval

Dear Mr. Ferries:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) has received the Quality Assurance Project Plan (“QAPP”) dated March 8, 2023 which was prepared by Environmental Standards for the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”), and which is marked as v. 0. This QAPP is structured as a modular document to accommodate the various media that will be assessed by NSR pursuant to the Removal Work Plan submitted as required by EPA’s Unilateral Administrative Order. EPA hereby approves that portion of the QAPP which is applicable to the *Phase I – Preliminary Residential/Commercial/Agricultural Soil Sampling Plan* which EPA approved on March 6, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. If you have any questions, I can be contacted at dollhopf.ralph@epa.gov or 231-301-0559 (cell).

Sincerely yours,

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