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Alabama Public Service Commission Responds to Norfolk Southern Train Derailment

The Alabama Public Service Commission's (APSC) Railway Safety section was made aware of the Norfolk Southern train derailment near Piedmont, Alabama, in the early morning hours of March 9, 2023.

Immediately upon receiving that notification, our entire Railway Safety team was dispatched to the scene to perform a boots-on-the-ground investigation. It was quickly determined there were no personal injuries involved and no evacuations necessitated by the derailment involving approximately 30 railcars. Initial indications were that three empty hazardous material cars containing only hazardous material residue were part of the derailment, but no leaks or spills were recorded.

The APSC Railway Safety team regularly inspects track and equipment from Norfolk Southern and other rail carriers in Alabama. The team's investigation of the derailment area was current at the time the derailment occurred.

Railway Safety team members and other entities involved will continue to investigate the scene to arrive at a determination regarding the cause of the derailment.

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