NORFOLK SOUTHERN STATEMENT ON MONTGOMERY COUNTY SINKHOLES

Norfolk, VA – May 7, 2019

Norfolk Southern continues to cooperate with county and local officials on the resolution of the geologic conditions on Butler Pike in Plymouth Township. There are no threats to the railroad bridge or the safety of rail operations over the bridge. The bridge itself is supported by its own foundation on abutments that are not connected to the roadway. The bridge’s pilings extend 40 to 50 feet into the ground and are on solid footing. Norfolk Southern Engineering Department personnel regularly inspect the track and bridge through Plymouth Meeting as part of its regular track and bridge inspection program. The railroad will continue to monitor the sinkhole situation to ensure that conditions remain safe for rail operations.

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