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**Quick Repairs Counter Railroad Flood Damage**  
*Recent flooding no match for partnership, investment*

Raleigh, NC – The recent flooding that resulted from the remnants of Tropical Storm Nicole have risked homes and businesses in eastern North Carolina, bringing record rainfall in several areas. Along the North Carolina Railroad (NCR), flooding impacted freight movement as well due to a number of washouts on the track. But, within 36 hours trains were rolling again, moving commerce on the 317-mile railroad which runs from Charlotte to Morehead City.

Washouts occurred in three locations along the track in Craven County between Dover, NC and Havelock, NC, halting rail activity until repairs could be made. A washout occurs when drainage capacity is exceeded and the earth and rock bedding under the rails and ties is washed away, leaving the track unsupported. Washouts most frequently occur around bridges and drainage culverts.

“Our priority is to keep freight moving and rail customers happy,” said Scott Saylor, NCR President. “The partnership with Norfolk Southern and our ongoing investments to make improvements throughout the corridor help us keep and create jobs. The tracks were repaired promptly and Norfolk Southern really came through for NCR and the businesses and military installations that depend upon our line.”

Beyond fixing the damage done by Tropical Storm Nicole, NCR has kept a keen eye to improving the railroad to avoid problems. Some of those projects include two new bridges between LaGrange and Kinston, six box culverts which are reinforced concrete drainage structures under the rail bed, and ongoing improvements and maintenance to rails, ties and the surface material.

“NCR has invested over \$63 million in capital improvements to the North Carolina Railroad since 2001 and has committed another \$83 million through 2015,” said Saylor. “Since 2006 NCR and Norfolk Southern have invested a combined \$11.5 million in bridges and culverts east of Raleigh. That is non-taxpayer money, and many times it is evenly matched with Norfolk Southern investment in the projects. The North Carolina Railroad Company is a unique and valued asset for the people of the state. We intend to keep our asset healthy, make improvements that are good for our customers, keep commerce rolling and attract economic opportunity for the state.”

For images of some of the damage, repairs and other NCR projects, visit:  
[http://www.ncrr.com/quick\\_repairs.html](http://www.ncrr.com/quick_repairs.html).

The North Carolina Railroad Company owns and manages the 317-mile rail corridor extending from Morehead City to Charlotte. The railroad carries 60 freight trains and eight passenger trains daily. NCR is the state’s oldest corporation and remains at the forefront of rail improvements and partnership development to promote jobs and rail-served industry across the state. It touches nearly a quarter of the state’s economy.

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