

INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDER MEETING RECORD

INDUSTRY GROUP: NCDOT Rail and Operations

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LOCATION: Phone Interviews

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The Maritime Strategy team conducted a series of interviews with NCDOT Rail and Operations staff in August, 2011. The purpose of the interviews was to identify primary nodes and facilities used in the shipment of goods in and out of the state. Also to determine any stakeholder concerns or issues related to the transportation of goods.

Major topics presented by the NCDOT Rail Division and NCDOT Operations included:

- Rail Division stated import and export information can be found in the 2006 North Carolina Waybill Analysis. The following information was extracted:
 - Over the period 1999-2003 between 109-188 million tons of rail traffic were shipped within, into, out of, or through North Carolina;
 - More rail traffic was shipped into North Carolina than out of it, over five times as much during the study period;
 - The rail traffic, averaging 43.5 million tons annually was dominated by north-south movements east of the Mississippi River;
 - Coal (40%) and farm products (10%) were the largest commodity products overall followed equally by chemicals, nonmetallic minerals, food products, lumber / wood products, and pulp / paper products;
 - While some amount of traffic was shipped to North Carolina from virtually every mainland state in the Union, almost 70 percent came from West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Indiana, and Illinois; and
 - Traffic shipped from North Carolina went mainly to the neighboring states of South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Tennessee.
- NCDOT Operations suggested we contact the Divisions Engineers.