



Waterkeeper Alliance's

Field Rail Inspection Form

You can take this form with you on the inspection, and then fill out the Google Form with the information that you collect.

Please remember: Do not climb on or touch the bridges or tracks, and maintain a safe distance when trains are crossing the bridge.

General Information

1. Date and Time of Inspection: ____/____/____ ____ AM / PM

2. GPS Location of the Bridge: Latitude:_____ Longitude:_____
Tip: an easy way to find this out is to find the bridge on Google Earth or Google Maps and click on it. Please report the coordinates in decimal format.

3. What body of water does the bridge run over? _____
If no body of water, please provide information on what the bridge passes over.

4. Please take a photo of the bridge from a distance and note the label of the picture.

Infrastructure Deficiencies

5. Did you observe any cracks in the foundation? Please provide detailed narrative and mention the label of related photographs and/or videos.



6. Did you observe any pieces missing from the foundation? Please provide detailed narrative and mention the label of related photographs and/or videos.

7. Did you observe any deterioration or rotting of the foundation? Please provide detailed narrative and mention the label of related photographs and/or videos.

8. Did you observe any exposed beams? Please provide detailed narrative and mention the label of related photographs and/or videos.

9. Did you observe any other issues with the bridge or rails? Please provide detailed narrative and mention the label of related photographs and/or videos.



Oil Trains

Please: If trains are going over the bridge, keep a safe distance from the bridge!

For all narrative descriptions, mention the labels of any related photographs or videos

10. Describe any placards or company names you saw:

11. If you can, estimate how many oil tank cars there were on the train:

12. Please describe any indications of structural issues, such as the train wobbling, that you noticed as the train passed by:

Area around the bridge and railroad

For all narrative descriptions, please include the labels of any related photographs or videos



13. Take pictures of and attempt to identify any buildings near the bridge.

14. Identify and take pictures of any parks or recreational spots near the bridge or downstream.

15. Provide information about, and, if possible, pictures of, any known drinking water intakes downstream.

16. Describe and take pictures of anything else you think would be threatened by a derailment or spill from the bridge.



22. Please note how populated the area around the bridge is:

Circle one:

Rural / Urban / Suburban / Wilderness or Parkland