

# Watco Companies Announcement



**Date:** December 9, 2011  
**To:** Watco Team  
**From:** Travis Herod, Safety Director  
**Subject:** Geoff Holder, Regional Safety Manager, East Region

I am pleased to announce that Geoff Holder has been named Regional Safety Manager for the East Region. Geoff will assist the East region railroads and switching sites by ensuring the highest standards of training and compliance are met, develop new training materials, and auditing for compliance with FRA regulations. He will also be responsible to assist the region by providing timely and accurate information through weekly reports, track statistics, and identify trends with regards to safety.

Geoff began his career in the rail industry in 1990 as a Service Technician and Relief Electrician for the Norfolk Southern (NS) Locomotive Mechanic Department. In 1996 he became a Conductor for NS's Alabama Great Southern (AGS) District and in 1998 an Engineer for the AGS District. He went to work for as an Engineer for the Alabama and Tennessee River Railway and in February of 2011, he went to work with the Meridian and Bigbee Railway. Geoff attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Ala.

Geoff and his wife Jennifer have two daughters, Jessica, 19 and Emily, 16 and a son, Davis Wade, 10. In his spare time he enjoys motorcycling, kayaking, fishing, watching football and hockey, and learning guitar from Jennifer.

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Please join me in congratulating Geoff by welcoming him to the Watco family and on his selection as the Regional Safety Manager for the East Region.