

# Watco Transportation Services, Inc.

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The embargo includes BNSF, UP and Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad traffic to and from the Winfield interchange. Communications have begun with BNSF to reroute Winfield traffic to the Columbus, Kans., interchange. The embargo is predicted to last 48 to 72 hours, depending on the amount of rain that the area receives within that time-frame. Teams are at the location and accessing any possible damage caused by the flooding.

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Watco Companies, Inc. (WCI), a Pittsburg, Kansas, based company, owns Watco Transportation Services (WTS) the owner of 20 railroads in 17 states. WTS railroads are: the Alabama Southern, Austin Western, Arkansas Southern, Baton Rouge Southern, Eastern Idaho, Grand Elk, Great Northwest, Kansas and Oklahoma, Kaw River, Louisiana Southern, Mission Mountain, Mississippi Southern, Pacific Sun, Palouse River and Coulee City, Pennsylvania Southwestern, South Kansas and Oklahoma, Stillwater Central, Timber Rock, Vicksburg Southern and Yellowstone Valley Railroads.

Watco also operates industrial switching locations and mechanical locomotive shops across the United States. Watco Mechanical Services operates 14 car repair shops in Coffeyville, KS; Council Bluffs, IA; Fitzgerald, GA; Hockley, TX; Houston, TX; Hollidaysburg, PA; Jacksonville, FL; Junction City, KS; Marshall, TX; Neodesha, KS; Omaha, NE; Pittsburg, KS; Zwolle, LA and Wood River, IL. Watco owns a transloading subsidiary, Reload Inc. More information about Watco and its subsidiaries can be found at [www.watcocompanies.com](http://www.watcocompanies.com).



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