

**Pledge of Confidentiality**

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes and to identify and collect data on unsafe railroad conditions. In accordance with the BTS confidentiality statute (49 U.S.C. 111(k)) and the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than BTS employees or BTS agents such as telephone interviewers. In accordance with these confidentiality statutes, only statistical and non-identifying data will be made publicly available through reports. By law, every BTS employee and BTS agent has taken an oath of confidentiality and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both if he or she discloses ANY identifiable information about the respondent. BTS will not release to the Department of Interior or any other public or private entity any information that might reveal the identity of individuals or organizations mentioned in near-miss reports.