

Barwick, Ontario (2019)

Location: Barwick, Ontario
File number: 1201-06
TSB Investigation Number: N/A

The Accident

According to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) report, on May 4, 2019, a Canadian National Railway (CN) train heading eastward on the CN Fort Frances Subdivision experienced a derailment at Mile 115.13 near Barwick, Ontario. TSB confirmed eight cars derailed, six of which contained petroleum crude oil and one sand buffer car. There were no reported leaks of crude oil.

Damages

No injuries, leaks or exposures were reported. The clean-up process which involved removing debris, repairing the tracks, and releveling the affected area, required almost ten days to be completed.

Measures Taken by the Rail Fund

The Rail Fund consulted available reporting from the TSB's Rail Transportation Safety Investigations and Reports database. Based on the available data and the extent of damages resulting from the accident, it is most unlikely that the Rail Fund will be triggered for compensation purposes.

Status

This derailment was not subject to a formal TSB investigation, and as such is no longer "active" with the TSB. We continue to monitor this incident should the Rail Fund be named a party by statute. However, we will continue to monitor this accident until the six-year time limit for claiming against the railway company has expired in May 2025.