

Red Deer, Alberta (2018)

Location: Red Deer, Alberta

File Number: 1201-01

TSB Investigation Number: N/A

The Accident

According to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) report, on June 8, 2018, a Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) train heading south on the Red Deer Subdivision unexpectedly applied emergency brakes, resulting in a derailment of seven cars at Mile 88.1. Of the derailed cars, one carried a load of sand and six carried crude oil. Local fire emergency personnel and a CP HAZMAT team responded to the accident site.

Damages

There were no injuries, fires or evacuations reported. One car leaked crude oil as a result of the derailment. The amount of crude oil leaked has not been disclosed, despite requests for additional information. Emergency response personnel were able to contain the leak. The incident occurred within eight car lengths from Waskasoo Creek, but the waterway was unaffected by the derailment or the leak. TSB did not reveal a dollar amount of damages incurred as a result of the derailment, nor did they reveal a suspected cause of the incident.

Measures Taken by the Administrator

The Fund for Railway Accidents Involving Designated Goods (the Fund) sought additional information from the TSB regarding this incident, and confirmed the details noted in this summary. Based on the available data and the extent of damages resulting from the accident, it is most unlikely that the 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. However, the Fund continues to monitor this incident should the Fund be named a party by statute. This file remains open as of September 2023. The eligibility period for filing claims with the Administrator for this incident expires on June 8, 2024.