

## Collision leads to derailment, diesel leak

### Six train cars remain upright after low-speed track incident

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Six train cars derailed and caused one engine to leak diesel fuel in north Edmonton Wednesday morning, following a collision involving three trains that were moving slowly.

CN spokeswoman Emily Hamer said from Vancouver the incident happened about 10:20 a.m. Three locomotives, two tank cars containing dangerous goods and one empty flat car derailed near Yellowhead Trail and 72nd Street. All six cars remained upright, Hamer said. She did not know what the tank cars contained.

No one was injured and nearby houses were not evacuated.

Edmonton Fire Rescue district chief Barry Lamb said crews received a call from CN about 10:30 a.m. that a train had derailed and a car containing liquefied petroleum gas was possibly involved.

"There is a huge danger in these kinds of things," Lamb said. "We're working with the rail companies to communicate this better and it's a good process, an ongoing process."

Lamb said one engine was leaking diesel fuel when crews arrived but no other cars were leaking. The leak was plugged Wednesday morning and a hazardous materials truck remained on scene to assist with the cleanup.

"As far as we're concerned, we've terminated the incident and now it's in CN hands," Lamb said. Hamer did not know how much diesel fuel leaked.

Gloria Pickard returned to her home near 73rd Street and 126th Avenue after running morning errands and found a hazmat truck parked in front of her house, along with two fire trucks and multiple CN trucks nearby. "It's very, very scary," Pickard said. "We're pretty close to the tracks here."

Pickard watched from her kitchen window as rail workers inspected the derailed cars. "We've been here for 12 years and never had anything like this happen," she said.

CN said an investigation is underway to determine what caused the incident.