CN confirms derailment at Co-op refinery this week

CN Rail doesn't release derailment information unless asked

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CN Rail is now confirming several rail cars derailed at Regina's Co-op refinery early Wednesday morning.

"There were six empty tanker cars, one empty asphalt car and one empty coke car," said Emily Hamer with CN Public Affairs in Vancouver. The rail cars derailed shortly after midnight Wednesday.

The question remains as to why the public wasn't informed of the derailment. According to Hamer, it's not CN's practice to release derailment information in such cases unless asked by the media. She says there is no plan to release findings from an investigation which is now underway.

Hamer did say there were no injuries or environmental damage from the derailment. Crews were able to quickly clear the line.

The event comes the same week as a report came on the Lac Magantic rail disaster in Quebec. That runaway train carrying oil derailed in the heart of the town with disastrous results.