

Train derails in Montreal River area (8:30 p.m. update)

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8:30 p.m. update

SooToday.com has confirmed details from Patrick Waldron of CN regarding today's reported train derailment near Montreal River.

The manager of public affairs said that nine cars from a southbound freight train derailed approximately 130 kms north of Sault Ste. Marie just after 2 p.m.

One car involved in the incident is currently leaking diesel fuel onto the tracks.

Another contains sulphuric acid, but we're told there is no indication of leaks from that car.

No other hazardous materials were being transported by the rail cars in question, and no injuries were reported in the incident.

Waldron said CN crews are at the scene assessing the situation and preparing for clean up.

7 p.m. update

A TSB spokesperson says no information has been received at this point that would prompt an investigation.

That could change, according to the TSB official.

No details are available at this time regarding environmental impact or whether or not injuries occurred during the derailment.

TSB is unable to confirm the size of the train or how many cars have derailed.

Previous update at 6:04 p.m.:

A train has reportedly derailed in the Montreal River area, though details are scarce.

Transportation Safety Board confirms that it has received a report of a train derailment in the Montreal River area, south of Regent.

Regent refers to a siding where train cars are loaded with logs harvested in the area. It is north of Rand Lake, about seven or eight miles from Montreal River.

One report says multiple cars may have been involved in the derailment, though a TSB spokesperson could not confirm that.

SooToday is working to learn more about this incident and will provide updates as they are available.