

TSB still gathering data in Gogama, Ont. train derailment probe

Transportation Safety Board to review CN policies regarding engineering track standards

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The Transportation Safety Board investigators have left the scene of a CN train derailment near Gogama.

Now, they're tasked with sifting through the data they collected to find out why 29 cars from a 100-car Canadian National Railway train carrying diluted bitumen **derailed in the remote area of Ontario**, south of Timmins on Feb.14. More than one million litres of crude oil was spilled and caught fire, burning for two days.

A spokesperson for the Transportation Safety Board said investigators will be combing through rail components to find out what happened.

"They'll also be sampling and testing product from select cars in the accident," John Cottreau said.

"They're going to review any electronic data, for instance wheel impact load detectors."

Among the evidence gathered from the site, Cottreau said investigators will review all track maintenance records.

They'll also review CN policies with respect to engineering track standards.

Cottreau said it's hard to predict how long it'll take to get results.

"Right now, you know, we're in data-gathering mode. We're not at the point where we're doing any analysis. We're merely gathering data for future analysis."

Meanwhile, CN's clean up efforts continue at the site of the derailment, which is being overseen by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and Environment Canada.