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A FEW CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

Prince George, Canada: August 4, 2007

Vancouver Sun [Aug.18, 2007] report that on August 4, 2007 two Canadian National trains collided in Prince George, causing derailment of one engine and three railcars which caught fire and leaked burning diesel fuel and gasoline near the Fraser River. British Columbia's Ministry of Environment ordered CN to "immediately inspect the site and take necessary action to contain and collect hydrocarbons believed to be entering the Fraser River.

Kentucky, USA: October 23, 2007

Town evacuated as CN tanker spews chemicals [AP]/ "Leaking CN tanker forced the evacuation of 200 homes in Kentucky.

Salem, Illinois Sept.23, 2007

Railroad officials investigating derailment [St. Louis Post Dispatch]. CN derailment near Salem, Illinois forces 50 to evacuate.

West of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada: August 3, 2005

43 cars of CN freight train derailed 65 miles west of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, spilling 343,000 gallons of heavy bunker C fuel oil. An estimated 194,000 gallons of the oil spread across 5 miles of Wabamun Lake. It wasn't until 4 days after the derailment that CN revealed that 194,000 gallons of highly toxic, hazardous chemicals such as naphthalene and other highly toxic hydrocarbons had also spilled into the lake. Residents were told to completely avoid all lake water and well water, even for watering gardens and lawns. The provincial government issued an environmental protection order to make sure CN cleaned up the oil spill. A leading environmental expert said, "It's the first spill I've ever been at where an order had been enforced on someone in order for them to do something." CN estimate of damages: \$28 million.

Cheakamus River Canyon, Squamish, British Columbia, Canada: August 6, 2005

Massive toxic spill of 41,000 litres of sodium hydroxide from CN freight cars that fell off a bridge and into a canyon into Cheakamus River Canyon, killing more than 500,000 fish.

Tamara, Illinois: February 9, 2003

Derailed of 22 cars of an 108 car CN freight train. Tank cars containing hydrochloric acid, vinyl chloride, methanol, and methanol/formaldehyde ruptured, spilling their contents on the ground. Some cars containing methanol caught fire. More than 850 residents were ordered to evacuate, some for almost a week. Residents complained of breathing harmful chemicals and skin exposure to chemicals. Toxic substances contaminated their food and water supplies.. Property values declined. Damages set at \$1.9 million. Probable cause: CN placement of bond wire welds on rail head. ###