



Accident Summary

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National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)

Chester, PA

April 3, 2016

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On Sunday, April 3, 2016, at 7:50 a.m., National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) passenger train 89 struck a roadway maintenance machine (backhoe) at milepost 15.7 on the Amtrak Northeast Corridor near Chester, Pennsylvania. The train consisted of one locomotive, eight passenger cars, one cafe car, and one baggage car. Amtrak train 89 was operating on main track 3 at 106 mph, within the maximum authorized speed of 110 mph. The locomotive struck the backhoe, and the debris struck and damaged the passenger cars. The backhoe operator and a supervisor died. The train had 7 crewmembers and 337 passengers on board at the time of the accident, including two employee passengers; 41 people were transported to local hospitals. The weather at the time of the accident was scattered clouds, winds from the west at 38 mph gusting up to 50 mph, and a temperature of 37°F. Amtrak estimated damages of \$2.2 million.

Parties to the investigation include the Federal Railroad Administration, Amtrak, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division, and the American Railway and Airway Supervisors Association.