

## Description of Events

### 4/01/15 KL Eskew Fatality

On 3/31/15 Mr. KL Eskew and EP Van Beveren reported for duty at Richmond, VA Carmen's Trailer. At the beginning of their shift they both shared stories of their personal life and current events. After their conversation the Yardmaster called them on the phone and gave them Track N09 Q303-01 for inspection at 0002/01. The Yardmaster also informed them that there would be a Q400 and Q401 inbound later.

At 0020/01 Carmen Eskew requested permission from the Y391-31 to lock and flag track N09. Prior to Mr. Eskew and Van Beveren finishing Track N09 the Yardmaster gave them track N04 Q400-31 with 63 cars in track N04. After completion of N09 Mr. Van Beveren went to Carmen's trailer to retrieve his coveralls account temperature was dropping. At 0113/01 Mr. Eskew requested permission from Y391-31 and Y393-31 to flag track N04. After track was flagged Mr. Eskew and Mr. Van Beveren commenced to perform inspection on track N04. Prior to finishing their inspection on N04 the Yardmaster at 0115/01 gave Carmen Eskew Track N02 with Q401-30 to bleed. Mr. Eskew said they would jump on it after they got Q400 ready.

After Mr. Van Beveren completed the south end of N04 he briefed with Mr. Eskew on the radio that he was finished on his end and was dropping the protection. Mr. Van Beveren dropped the flag off south end of N04. As he was crossing over to flag N02 a Transportation crew standing near old 2 main and 3 main advised him that the Y391-31 was coming south out of N01. At 0209/01 the Yardmaster gave Mr. Eskew Q032-31 for a roll by. Mr. Eskew replied he will get it on the North end. At 0231/01 Yardmaster inquired about N04 and Mr. Eskew inquired with Yardmaster about Q032-31 location. The Yardmaster informed him they are swapping out at north end Solite. 0245/01 Mr. Eskew reported to the Q032-31 train inspection looks good.

At 0247/01 Mr. Van Beveren called Carman Eskew on radio, reported looking good on his end Mr. Eskew replied he just finished up inspecting Q032-31. Mr. Eskew proceeded to south end of yard to meet back up with Mr. Van Beveren. 0248/01 the Yardmaster informed Mr. Eskew that he needed the cars of N02 for D794-01. Mr. Eskew replied he would get on it next. Carman Eskew was in process of making his way to lock track N02 when Mr. Van Beveren turned around, he noticed Mr. Eskew walking in an angle (96 feet from truck to incident) towards track N02 switch. As Mr. Eskew approached the switch he did not acknowledge that Y391-31 was coming south out of N01. Mr. Van Beveren attempted to alert Mr. Eskew. Mr. Eskew continued walking to the N02 switch stepping directly in front of the Y391-31.

At 0251/01 Mr. Van Beveren reported incident to Yardmaster and requested that the Y391-31 stop.