

National Transportation Safety Board

Memorandum

Date:	05/19/2022
То:	Office of Highway Safety
Subject:	Initial Notification of Incident
Date of Crash:	05/18/2023
Time of Crash:	2:05 p.m. central daylight time
Location: State:	Millersburg, OR
Country:	USA
NTSB#:	HWY23FH013
Keys#:	184403
IIC:	Mike LaPonte

About 2:45 p.m. pacific daylight time on Thursday, May 18, 2023, a truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer operated by C.R England was parked on the right northbound shoulder on Interstate 5 (I-5) near Albany, in Marion County, Oregon. A Van that was towing a porta-potty was also parked on the 18-foot-wide shoulder behind the C.R. England combination vehicle. At this location, I-5 is comprised of two travel lanes in each direction with the north and southbound lanes separated by an earthen median and semi-rigid, W-beam median barrier. The speed limit is 65 mph with a reduced speed limit of 60 mph for trucks. Additionally, the Santiam rest area is located adjacent to the interstate and the two parked vehicles were parked between the entrance ramp and exit ramps to the rest area. Another truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer, operated by Waypoint Logistics was traveling northbound on I-5 approaching the location where the C.R. England combination vehicle departed the travel lane and onto the right shoulder where it struck the van and trailered porta-potty pushing the van into the back of the C.R. England combination vehicle. The van was reportedly occupied by farm workers and as a result of the crash seven of them were fatally injured. The drivers of both combination vehicles were not injured.

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