

RRD 21 LR 014 Synopsis

Raking collision between Canadian Pacific Railway freight train and Union Pacific Railroad freight train impacting standing BNSF Railway freight train

St Paul, Minnesota

August 25, 2021

On August 25, at about 5:08 pm local time, eastbound CP train 296E collided almost head-on with westbound UP train MSSDM-25. As a result of the raking collision, three locomotives derailed, and a loaded lumber railcar was struck and derailed from BNSF train HNTWBRC-25 stopped on an adjacent track. The accident occurred on the north end of Hoffman Yard on the BNSF main track in St Paul, Minnesota. The main tracks are in PTC equipped territory. There were no fatalities or injuries, and no hazmat was released.

The St Paul Airport weather site at the time of the accident reported the wind at 6 knots from 40°, temperature of 82°F and no clouds.

Parties to the investigation include the Federal Railroad Administration, the BNSF Railway, the Canadian Pacific Railway, the UP Railroad, the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen.