

1 **ACCIDENT SUMMARY**

2 On September 8, 2022, about 2:40 a.m. local time, a conductor and engineer
3 of Union Pacific Railroad (UP) train ISILB5-07 were killed when the train collided with
4 railcars stored in a siding near Imperial County, California.¹ The train was traveling
5 eastbound about 28 mph on Mainline 2 when a UP dispatcher routed it into the west
6 end of the signal-controlled siding (Bertram siding) at milepost 646.1 on the Yuma
7 subdivision. The train then collided with 74 standing sets of empty intermodal cars
8 (totaling 92 individual wells or platforms) that had been stored at milepost 646.3
9 since December 2021. The collision resulted in the derailment of the two lead
10 locomotives (UP6018 and UP5599), one intermodal railcar of the striking train, and six
11 of the stored intermodal railcars in the siding. At the time of the accident, conditions
12 were dark, and the weather was clear, 86°F, with no precipitation. Damage to track
13 and equipment was estimated by UP to be about \$1.2 million. UP train ISILB5-07
14 consisted of two lead locomotives, 122 loaded intermodal railcars, and two
15 locomotives on the rear end.

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