



COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR



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CN Train Derailment - Update

The following update is being provided on behalf of St. Clair County Emergency Management. CN crews are continuing to work toward removing the derailed cars from the international St. Clair tunnel from the incident that occurred early Friday morning. A meeting to update progress and current status of the incident was held with CN officials, key contractors, EPA officials, Port Huron Fire Chief, a Michigan State Police Emergency Management Homeland Security Division official, and St. Clair County Emergency Management Officials at approximately 9:00 a.m. As of 5:00 a.m. on July 3, 2019 five (5) railcars have been cleared from the tunnel. Seventeen (17) cars and a locomotive have been cleared from the Canadian side. Nineteen (19) cars remain in the tunnel.

Due to varying states of wreckage, contents and weight, a plan has to be developed for the removal of each railcar along with the equipment needed to do so. As liquid accumulates in the sump retention area, pumping continues as needed. Air monitoring at the site and around the perimeter continues and shows no danger to public health. There continues to be no danger to public safety, drinking water or waterways.

There are over 150 individuals on site on the American site working 24 hours to safely resolve the situation. 10th and 16th streets remain closed from Beard to Cedar streets to ensure safety of both the public and crews. At this time, there is no timeline for completion. Updates will be provided as the situation evolves.

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