

CN worker killed in tanker car derailment at remote northern B.C. site

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FORT ST. JOHN — One man has died in a train derailment at a remote worksite in northeastern B.C.

The incident occurred Wednesday evening at a CN Rail yard about 180 kilometres north of Fort St. John when a fuel tanker derailed and rolled onto the victim.

Four other CN employees were in the yard and one was nearby, but no one else was hurt.

The victim has been identified by the BC Coroners Service as Bryan Johannes Giesbrecht, 30, from Dawson Creek.

Said the Coroners Service in a statement Friday: "Mr. Giesbrecht was unable to avoid being by struck by derailed, moving railroad stock and sustained severe injuries. Workers from the nearby camp attended the scene, however, Mr.

Giesbrecht was deceased. First responders had a difficult time reaching the scene because it is only accessible by rail."

Investigations are underway by several agencies, including the RCMP, Coroners Service, CN Police,

Transportation Safety Board, WorkSafe BC, and Human Resources and Skills Development.

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