

Coroner identifies man who suffocated inside rail tanker at Port of New Orleans



[<http://connect.nola.com/user/BenMyers/index.html>] By Ben Myers, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune [<http://connect.nola.com/user/BenMyers/posts.html>]
Email the author | Follow on Twitter [<https://twitter.com/blevimyers>]
on October 09, 2015 at 8:06 PM, updated October 09, 2015 at 8:07 PM

The New Orleans Coroner's Office on Friday (Oct. 9) identified 49-year-old Armond Stack as the man who suffocated to death on Thursday inside a rail tanker at the Port of New Orleans.

Stack was part of a three-member cleaning crew working for Dedicated Trailer Cleaning Services. The crew became trapped in the tanker and lost oxygen, but one worker managed to escape and call for help. It's not clear how the crew became trapped.

New Orleans Fire Department officials have not returned calls seeking additional information.

Dedicated Trailer Cleaning Services, which also has locations in Illinois and Chattanooga, Tenn., has a long history of violations under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Its president, Jon Ruitter, has not replied to emails.

A woman who answered the phone at Stack's listed number on Friday evening declined comment.

OSHA criticized Dedicated Trailer for serious violations discovered in three separate inspections, spanning 2012 to 2014, at facilities in Channahon and Lansing, Ill. The violations pertained to the company's failure to properly train workers who deal with hazardous chemicals, as well as failing to maintain equipment such as gas meters.

"The company's failure to safeguard its employees is a consistent and unacceptable habit," said OSHA Area Director Kathy Webb in a January press release. "It must stop now."

Emily Lane and Jonathan Bullington contributed to this report.

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS STORIES



Coroner identifies man who suffocated inside rail tanker at Port of New Orleans
[http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2015/10/coroner_identifies_man_who_suf.html#]

Worker dies in rail tanker accident, newspaper reports
[http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2015/10/worker_dies_in_rail_tanker_acc.html#ir]

Cleaning crew loses oxygen on rail tanker at Port of New Orleans
[http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2015/10/cleaning_crew_loses_oxygen_on.html#]

Port of New Orleans reconciles with truckers for National Trucker Appreciation Week
[http://www.nola.com/education/index.ssf/2015/09/port_reconciles_with_truckers.html#inc]

New Orleans' growth as an export hub is fueling recovery: Stefan Selig
[http://www.nola.com/katrina/index.ssf/2015/09/katrina_recovery_economy.html#incart]

All Stories [http://topics.nola.com/tag/port_of_new_orleans/posts.html]

Registration on or use of this site constitutes acceptance of our User Agreement and Privacy Policy

© 2015 NOLA Media Group. All rights reserved (About Us).

The material on this site may not be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, cached or otherwise used, except with the prior written permission of NOLA Media Group.

Community Rules apply to all content you upload or otherwise submit to this site. Contact interactivity management.

Ad Choices

**GE Lighting : GE
Lighting Linear
Fluorescent Lamp
Medium Bi-Pin**



SHOP NOW

GRAINGER.
FOR THE ONES WHO GET IT DONE