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 Ruiter, 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."

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