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# Worker dies in railroad tank car in North Las Vegas

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A worker at a North Las Vegas business died in a railroad tank car early Saturday, the North Las Vegas Fire Department said.

Witnesses told fire crews that their co-worker had lost consciousness inside the empty tank car and was unable to climb out. Firefighters discovered that the tank car contained highly volatile ethanol vapors and appeared to be unsafe, said Capt. Cedric Williams, a spokesman for the department.

North Las Vegas firefighters, who had responded at 1:08 a.m. to 5095 El Campo Grande Ave., worked with fire crews from Las Vegas and Clark County; the Nevada National Guard's 92nd Civil Support Team; the Office of Emergency Management; and other crews to secure the area and ensure the safety of emergency workers. The coroner was allowed to examine the scene at 11 a.m.

The victim's name hasn't been released, and Williams could not confirm the name of the business.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the incident.

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## Coroner identifies North Las Vegas tanker worker

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Written by Matt Guillermo

### [NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV \(FOX5\) -](#)

A Las Vegas man was identified as the person who died in a workplace incident in North Las Vegas on Saturday.

The Clark County Coroner's Office did not immediately release Monday a cause of death for 47-year-old Stanley Wright.

According to Capt. Cedric Williams of North Las Vegas Fire Department, crews were called to a railcar tanker in the 5000 block of El Campo Grande just after 1 a.m. Saturday. People working on the tanker told firefighters a coworker was inside car, lost consciousness and was not able to climb out, Williams said.

The fire official said the inside of the tanker had highly volatile and extremely unsafe ethanol vapors.

Firefighters from North Las Vegas and other Southern Nevada jurisdictions were called to help recover the man who died at the scene.

Members of OSHA are investigating the incident.

It took crews through midday Saturday to clear the scene of danger to investigators, Williams said.

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## **Fatal work injury that killed Stanley Thomas Wright was preventable, Nevada OSHA cites Rebel Oil Co.**

Posted by [Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH](#) of Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University on January 1, 2015

Stanley Thomas Wright's work-related death could have been prevented. That's how I see the findings of Nevada OSHA in the agency's citations against his employer, Rebel Oil Company. The 47-year-old was working in August 2014 at a railyard in North Las Vegas, NV. Wright was asphyxiated while working inside a tank car. I [wrote about the incident](#) shortly after it was reported by local press.

Inspectors with Nevada OSHA conducted an inspection at the railyard following Wright's death. The agency recently [issued citations](#) to Rebel Oil for three serious violations and proposed a \$11,475 penalty. The [violations](#) involved failing to evaluate the hazards of a confined space, failing to inform workers of the danger posed by confined space, and failing to take prevention measures related to entering the confined space. Rebel Oil is contesting the citations.

When some local press initially reported Stanley Thomas Wright's death, they called it an accident. An "accident" suggests the circumstances were unforeseen or could not have been avoided. Nevada OSHA's findings tell a different story. Call it cutting corners, call it poor management, call it breaking the law. Whatever you want to call it, Stanley Thomas Wright's work-related death could have been prevented, it was no accident.