Galesburg BNSF Employee Killed in Burlington

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Spotted this in the local paper today:

QUOTE: BNSF Railroad worker Keith W. Myers, 34, of Galesburg, IL, died Sunday in a work-related accident, authorities said.

Myers was killed about 6:30 AM south of Burlington. Myers, a brakeman, was standing on a ladder attached to the side of a rail car when he was struck by a steel support beam for a water tower. The accident happened as the crew moved cars into position to unload coal at an Alliant Energy power station, the release said.

Railroad spokesman Steve Forsberg said it appeared Myers was riding on the side of the rail car that was being moved and that he was pinched between the rail car and a stationary walkway that went over the track.