

CN updates Fort Saskatchewan derailment

43, not 37, train cars left track, officials say

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The scene of a train derailment August 18, 2010, just north Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta at the Shell refinery and Dow Chemical.

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EDMONTON — The number of train cars derailed Wednesday in CN's Scotford Yard in Fort Saskatchewan has been revised from 37 to 43.

The cars went off the tracks during routine switching procedures just after 3 a.m. on Wednesday. There were no injuries.

The derailment appears to have followed a collision between a slow moving train and parked railway cars, according to Strathcona County officials. The derailed cars contained mixed cargo, including seven types of hazardous materials including diesel and liquefied petroleum gas, but there were no leaks.

"At present there is no known hazard to the public either on or off-site," said Ken Jones, deputy chief of Strathcona County Emergency Services.

The cause of the derailment is still under investigation by CN and will be reviewed by Transport Canada.

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