Safety board faults CNR for way train assembled in March derailment

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The Transport Safety Board (TSB) issued a report Thursday faulting the way in which a Canadian National Railway Co. train was assembled for a derailment on March 30, 2010, near Pickering, Ont. The TSB has already raised concerns about a number of similar derailments involving these longer, heavier trains in recent years. The incident near Pickering involved a 149-car train, stretching 9,383 feet and weighing 12,166 tons. It was pulled by three locomotives located at the front of the train, a method the TSB has blamed for a number of other derailments involving these long trains. Following a TSB investigation into a similar CN derailment near Brighton, Ont., in 2009, above, CN pledged to start building trains over 8,500 feet by spacing locomotives throughout the train, a technique known as distributed power, which cuts down on in-train forces.