All Departments

August 17, 2020

On Thursday, August, 13, 2020 at approximately 12:45 pm, a Short Line Railroad assignment was switching the Georgia Pacific paper mill warehouse located in Crossett, Arkansas with one locomotive and five boxcars when the conductor sustained fatal injuries. The crew was shoving into the plant with the conductor protecting the point of the shove, the locomotive engineer was seated at the control stand on the opposite side of the conductor, and the brakeman was located in the conductor's side of the cab on the same side that the conductor was protecting the point.

As the three person crew shoved into the Georgia Pacific warehouse, the conductor was protecting the shove move with the lead boxcar going through the doorway towards the car spot in the warehouse when the conductor was struck by the move and suffered fatal injuries.

This tragic Short Line incident in Arkansas is a sobering reminder of why Safety must remain the first consideration when performing any task. At CSX, several recent incidents have occurred that could have resulted in one or more of our employees being seriously injured. These incidents occurred from failure to properly perform basic railroad functions such as switching railcars in a yard, securing equipment left in a track and protecting shove moves. These recent events require us to reset our thinking and reflect on how we are going to make sure each shift, each hour, each task is performed with safety in mind. No matter what department you work in, we are tied together in safety. The most important achievement is that every person safely returns home to family and friends.



August Severe Incidents on CSX

- Derailment (Covington, VA)- Y291 coupled into four standing empties on track 4 at Westrock and then shoved the principal car over the bumping block and through a block wall at the end of the track.
- Collision (Russell, Kentucky)- While operating engine lite on the manifest connection track, Y103 pulled into the foul of track M01 without permission from the yardmaster. Simultaneously Q303 was doubling their train from T05 to occupy track M01 and struck the front right corner of Y103's locomotive.
- Side Swipe (Columbus, OH)- Y291 was in the process of shoving into track 5 when track 8 rolled out and side-swiped two cars and one locomotive.
- Side Swipe (Savannah, GA)- Y192 failed to secure 10 cars set out on track 3. These cars rolled back out of track 3 and struck the side of the cut being switched.



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