



Transportation Division
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Iowa Division of Labor
OSHA Enforcement
150 Des Moines Street
Des Moines, IA 50309-1836

On June 29, 2020 around 22:30 hours train MCBPR 29 was involved in a crossing incident where they struck a pedestrian severing his arm. The pedestrian crossed through the train using the second locomotive (UP 5489) in the head end consist. There was a significant amount of blood on the hand rails, stairs and platform. The original crew ordered for the train was relieved with another crew after the incident. The crew was told that the train had been involved in an incident and there was blood on the hand rails, steps and platform, the train was then instructed to leave the terminal of Council Bluffs.

Train MCBPR 29 with locomotive UP 5489 still in consist operated approximately for the next 24 hours and over four hundred fifty (450) miles across Iowa and Illinois, through four (4) terminals after the incident without being properly cleaned. A minimum of four (4) crews (8 employees) handled locomotive UP 5489 without it being properly cleaned.

I have enclosed the Iowa OSHA Complaint Form, statements from both the Conductor and Engineer of one of the crews that operated train MCBPR 29 as well as photographs. I do have everything on file and would be more than happy to email any and all at your request. I have also advised my General Chairman's office of this incident in which he has sent a letter to the Union Pacific Railroad with no response.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Groat", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven J. Groat
SMART-TD-E Local Chairman Local 329
Boone, IA