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State and local agencies provide support following Foster County train derailment

BISMARCK, N.D. – A CPKC train derailment occurred Friday, July 5, near Bordulac in Foster County, located several miles southeast of Carrington. Of the 29 derailed cars, several were hauling anhydrous ammonia, methanol and plastic pellets. There were no reported injuries. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

Foster County Emergency Management was the lead agency for this response. They worked with CPKC, which immediately began monitoring air quality after the incident. As a precaution, residents were asked to shelter in place yesterday while equipment was relocated and some ammonia was released.

According to Foster County Emergency Manager Andrew Kirking, "Although Bordulac rail operations resumed at about noon today, roads have been reopened to local traffic only due to ongoing cleanup efforts involving heavy equipment."

CPKC continues to collaborate with responders and is actively engaged in cleanup operations. The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is on site and will continue overseeing the investigation and remediation efforts. Assisting the response team are several local and state agencies, including the Jamestown Regional Hazmat Team and the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services.

State agencies are notified of hazardous spills and releases through a unified reporting system at spill.nd.gov. Producers, transporters and developers in the energy industry, as well as the public, can report hazardous materials spills via the website or by calling 1-833-99SPILL (1-833-997-7455). According to state and federal laws, spills or releases must be reported within 24 hours to North Dakota agencies responsible for remediation and documentation.

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