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CP Train Derailment; Airdrie, Alberta

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – At approximately 7:15am this morning, a southbound CP train derailed approximately 1.5 km north of Airdrie; south of township road 274 and north of Veterans Blvd.. An unconfirmed number of rail cars are off the track and have sustained heavy damage. No injuries have been reported. Eight cars containing anhydrous ammonia (anhydrous ammonia is a common agricultural fertilizer) are confirmed to be involved, as are grain cars and some plastic materials. It has been confirmed there are no chemicals leaking.

Calgary HAZMAT, Airdrie Fire Department and CP environmental experts are on the scene assessing the site.

A quarter mile radius around the site has been evacuated, including 3 farms. No other evacuations or evacuation alerts are in place at this time, including none for the City of Airdrie. Roads are closed surrounding the site, please avoid the area and take alternate routes. Investigation is currently underway, a cause has not been determined at this time.

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