

Friday, March 31, 2023, 1:30pm Update:

Unified Command provides the following update on the 3/30/23 train derailment in Raymond, Minnesota.

Updates will be provided on the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Kandiyohi-County-Sheriffs-Office/100064377111988/> and EPA's website: response.epa.gov/raymondtrainderailment.

- There is no active fire in rail cars and the site is stabilized.
- Unified command made the decision to stand-down the local fire departments. Large portable water tanks and railroad fire-fighting equipment is available should there be any flare-ups.
- BNSF teams and local first responders remained on site overnight while BNSF crews worked to clear some of the cars as directed by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Unified Command. Crews excavated under right of way to remove contaminated soil and additional excavation is continuing.
- Unified command approved a soil excavation plan and contaminated soil excavation began around 4:45 a.m. MPCA will oversee soil cleanup actions and disposal.
- Overnight, EPA conducted air monitoring around the work site and in the community. No levels of concern were noted for particulate matter or volatile organic compounds.
- BNSF also provided on-going fixed – upwind and downwind of cleanup operations – and roving air monitoring – throughout the community and in the work zone.
- The NTSB arrived on scene last night and is actively investigating the incident.
- Work by BNSF crews to clear cars had paused waiting further direction from NTSB, which has now approved removal of the remaining cars. Crews will start product transfer today. Emptied cars will be taken from the site over the next several days.
- Residents and businesses impacted by the incident can contact 866-243-4784 or visit the temporary BNSF Claims Centers at 501 3rd Street in Prinsburg, or at Raymond Christian Reform Church, 202 3rd Ave. S. in Raymond, Minnesota today from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. or Saturday 4/1 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.