

# Radioactive material spills as truck hits train; one dies

**Associated Press**  
 BOWDON, N.D. — A truck hauling drums of uranium oxide collided with a freight train Tuesday, killing the driver of the truck and spilling the low-level radioactive material, authorities said.  
 A crewman aboard the Burlington Northern train was exposed to chemical but was not hospitalized. No evacuations were ordered in the 4:45 p.m. accident, but authorities sealed off the area located about three miles east of Bowdon and 70 miles northeast of Bismarck, said Doug Friez, a supervisor for the

North Dakota Division of Emergency Management.  
 The truck was hauling more than 50 drums containing powdered uranium oxide, a low-hazard, non-fissionable material that presented no danger outside 20 feet from the accident site, he said.  
 Uranium oxide is a low-grade ore that after it is refined is used as fuel in nuclear power plants, said Terry Lindsey, a state radiological officer. It does not pose a high radiation threat but can cause respiratory problems, he said.  
 The driver of the truck was killed

in the crash, said Sgt. Doyle Schultz of the Highway Patrol. The victim's name was not released.

The truck collided with the first of two engines hauling six empty freight cars, said Al Wiegold, a spokesman for the Burlington Northern railroad in St. Paul, Minn.

The two engines derailed and one crew member was exposed to the uranium oxide, Wiegold said. However, the crewman was not hospitalized and was all right after being cleaned of the chemical, he said.

# Air Force air tanker crashes

**Associated Press**  
 MARYSVILLE, Calif. — An Air Force KC-135 air tanker crashed during a takeoff and landing training exercise Tuesday at Beale Air Force Base, killing all seven men aboard, a military spokesman said.  
 The plane, the military equivalent of a Boeing 707, was based at Castle Air Force Base near Merced, and was practicing takeoffs and landings when it crashed about 12:30 p.m. near the edge of the base, said Capt. Joseph Saxon, the spokesman.  
 "There were no survivors," he said.  
 No one on the ground was injured in the crash, which triggered a brush fire on the base, located about 50 miles north of Sacramento near Marysville.  
 The KC-135 was equipped to refuel other aircraft in flight, Saxon said.  
 A board of officers will investigate the crash, the Air Force said.

# Bank must pay fines totalling \$2.25 million

**Associated Press**  
 WASHINGTON — The government announced Tuesday it had imposed a record \$2.25 million in penalties against Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for failing to report almost \$4 billion in cash transactions as required by law.  
 Treasury Department officials said the bank, the country's 11th largest, had committed 7,877 reporting violations from 1980 through 1984.  
 Officials said the violations were uncovered during a routine audit of the bank last October and that the bank's new management had cooperated with the investigation.  
 Under the Bank Secrecy Act, banks are required by law to report all cash transactions above \$10,000. The law is designed to give federal law enforcement officials a tool to investigate cases involving drug deals, corruption and organized crime.

The Crocker case marked the sixth time this year that the government has penalized banks for failure to report. The Bank of Boston on Feb. 7 pleaded guilty to a felony charge of failing to report \$1.22 billion in cash transactions with nine foreign banks and agreed to pay a \$500,000 fine.  
 In June, the Treasury Department announced smaller civil penalties against four New York City banks for reporting violations.

Assistant Treasury Secretary John M. Walker Jr. said the civil penalty imposed on Crocker was larger because "the extremely serious nature of Crocker's violations warranted a substantially more severe penalty than in prior cases."  
 Walker said a full investigation would be undertaken by the Internal Revenue Service to see if criminal charges should be filed against the bank or any individual employees.

Harold P. Reichwald, Crocker's general counsel, said the bank had agreed to the settlement even though outside counsel had "strongly advised us that we would win a case against the government in court."  
 Walker said the bank could have faced maximum penalties of \$1,000 for each violation for a total of \$7.88 million.

He said the amount not reported totaled \$3.88 billion and that \$3.43 billion of that sum had come from six banks in Hong Kong. This money was delivered by couriers from the Hong Kong banks to Crocker's main San Francisco branch where it was deposited and the accounts of the Hong Kong banks were credited.  
 Walker said it was highly likely that the money being deposited came from drug transactions.



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