

Lentil-loaded train derails in North Vancouver

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A four-car derailment below the Low Level Road Wednesday posed no danger to area residents or the environment, according to CN. Photo supplied, Michael Madi

CN crews had to pick up after a number of railcars turned over on the North Vancouver waterfront.

The spill happened on CN property Wednesday morning outside of Richardson International's grain export terminal.

Though it may have looked startling, it is considered a minor derailment, according to CN.

"There were four cars that were moving around the yard that derailed. Later in the day, they were re-railed and operations were ongoing. It was cleaned up (Wednesday) afternoon," said Patrick Waldron, CN spokesman. "This was a minor incident that occurred in a rail yard and there were no injuries."

It's believed a broken rail may have been the cause, according to the Transportation Safety Board, which investigates rail accidents.

The car was carrying "food grade lentils," said Tracy Shelton, Richardson spokeswoman.

"We cleaned it up," she said. "There was absolutely no environmental impact."