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GPREP Emergency Operations Centre Activated to respond to Train Derailment in Town of Sexsmith

County of Grande Prairie, Alberta –A train pulling cars of Anhydrous Ammonia has derailed in the Town of Sexsmith. Due to train derailment, the Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership (GPREP) Emergency Operation Centre and Canadian Rail (CN) Emergency Response Action Plan has been activated. Emergency crews are working together to secure the vessel.

A voluntary evacuation has been completed along 98th and 99th street in the Town of Sexsmith for precautionary measures.

No injuries have been reported. Currently, no cars containing anhydrous ammonia are ruptured; however one car is leaning and slowly sinking. CN Rail is bringing in heavy equipment and resources to secure the railcars.

Residents who have left their homes are asked to go to the Wellington Resource Centre (10407 97 Street), connected to the Clairmont Community School, located in the Hamlet of Clairmont which has been set up as a Reception Centre.

As a precaution, we ask that residents stay out of the area to allow the emergency crews to complete their work. Further updates will be provided as they become available.