

Preliminary Report Railroad DCA14FR005

The information in this report is preliminary and will be supplemented or corrected during the course of the investigation.

On February 20, 2014, about 4:30 p.m. eastern standard time, northbound CSX Transportation (CSX) train Q12519 struck a film crew and an obstruction on a railroad trestle near Jesup, Georgia. At the time of accident, the film crew was preparing to film on the railroad trestle. One person was killed, and six people were transported to hospitals.

The train, operating on a single main track, consisted of two locomotives and 37 cars. The accident occurred on the CSX Nahunta Subdivision (milepost A543.7) at a railroad trestle that crosses the Altamaha River. At the time of the accident, the train was traveling about 58 mph (the maximum authorized train speed was 70 mph). The sky was clear, and the temperature was 80° F.

Parties to the investigation are the Federal Railroad Administration; CSX Transportation; the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen; and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers.



Figure. A view of the railroad trestle. Photo provided by CSX.