

Feds investigate freight train collision

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LOS ANGELES -- U.S. investigators worked Monday to determine the cause of a weekend freight train collision that killed two people near Mecca, Calif. The conductor and engineer of an eastbound Union Pacific train died Saturday afternoon when they crashed into the rear of another Union Pacific freight train, the Los Angeles Times reported. The force of the crash caused three locomotives of one train and eight rail cars of another to derail, Union Pacific spokesman James Barnes told the newspaper. Barnes said one of the trains was carrying 60 cars of rock material to Arizona. The other was heading to Arkansas with 111 cars loaded with shipping containers. Service on the line has been restored and investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board are working with Union Pacific to determine the cause of the wreck.

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