

DuPont Investigation Status

The DuPont railroad accident investigation is about two-thirds complete.

The NTSB investigators are studying several safety issues associated with the accident. One group of investigators has focused on the crashworthiness of the passenger cars. Another group is collecting and analyzing data regarding the decisions to start the train operations on Defiant Bypass. This effort includes the physical upgrades and the training and qualification of the operating crews. A specific area of interest is the system safety approach and the mitigation of identified potential hazards. Another group is examining the emergency response and injury causations.

On July 10 - 11, 2018, the NTSB conducted an investigative hearing about the railroad accident in DuPont, Washington: *Managing Safety on Passenger Railroads*. During the hearing, the NTSB heard testimony from multiple stakeholders. The information gathered during the hearing allowed investigators to gain additional information regarding the accident. Investigators are currently analyzing the factual information that was gathered.

The NTSB investigators plan to complete the analysis in the coming months. A final report will be delivered to the Board in a public board meeting in 2019.