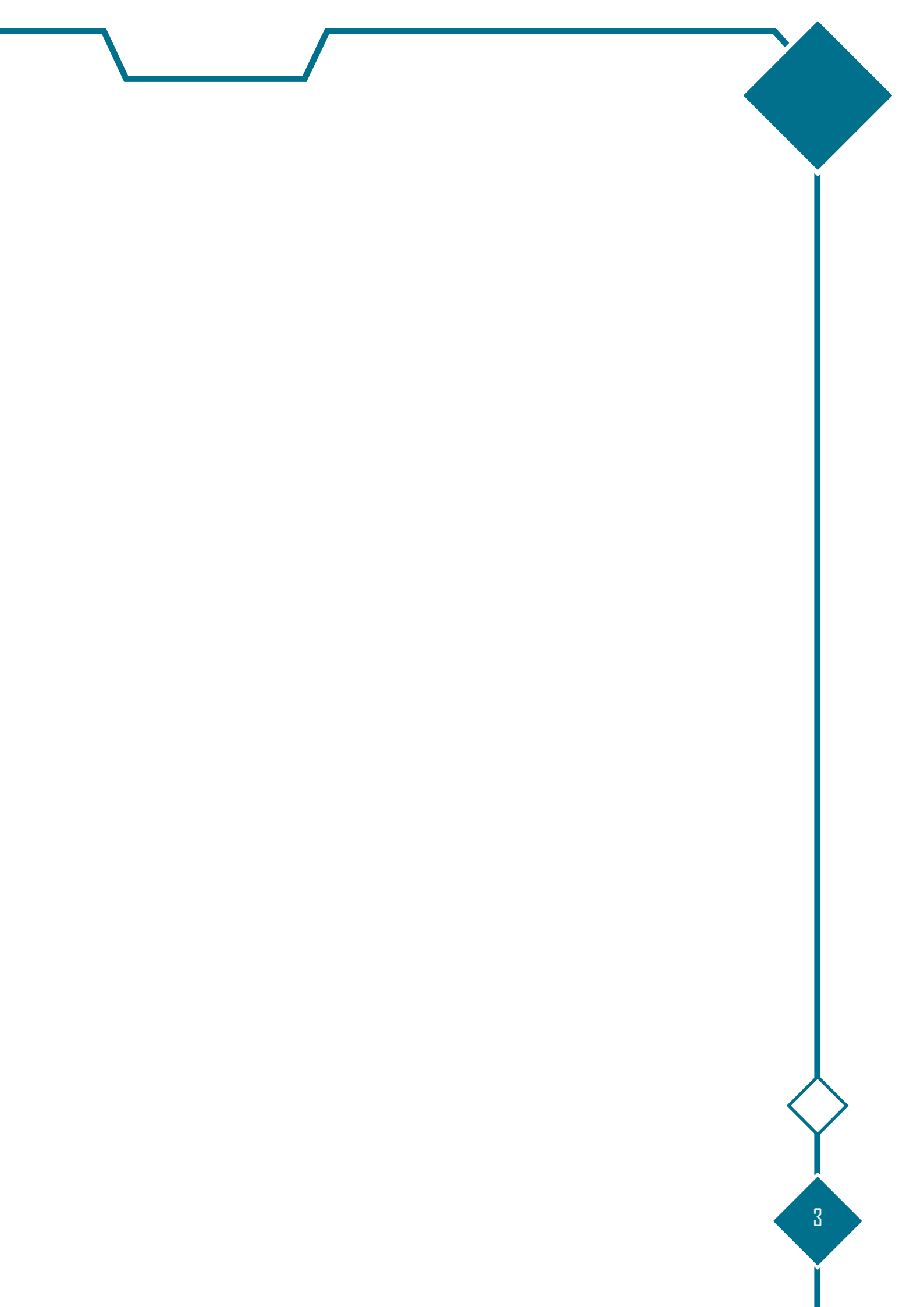


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during shunting operations
in the fan of sidings of Antwerpen-Noord
during the first months of 2022

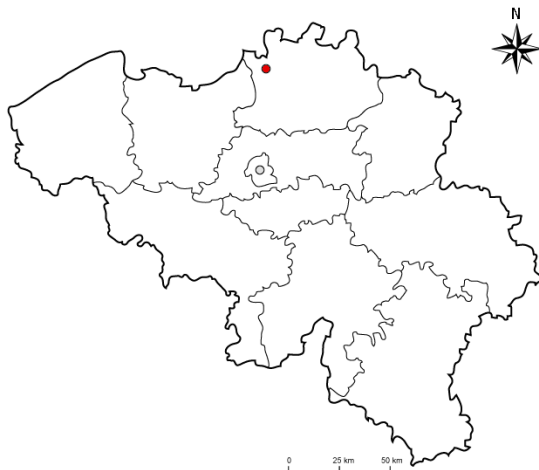
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GENERAL INFORMATION

From the reports sent to the IU by the Infrastructure Manager and Railway Undertakings, the IU detected a significant number of incidents and accidents during wagon shunting operations in fans of sidings B and C in Antwerpen-Noord during the first four months of 2022.



Some 20 events were counted for this period in 2022, which not only represents a significant increase in the number of cases compared to the same period in 2021, but also a high figure in absolute terms.

The IU listed these shunting events according to their type:

- Collisions
- Derailments
- Runaway vehicles
- SPADs

None of these events resulted in casualties, but they did result in leaks of dangerous goods, damage to rolling stock and infrastructure, or delays, as the case may be.



INVESTIGATION

This clear upward trend is of concern to the IU, that decided to launch an investigation into the safety of shunting operations in fans of sidings B and C in Antwerpen-Noord.

The IU visited the Antwerpen-Noord site to gather information about train shunting operations in fans of sidings B and C.

The investigation, which is still ongoing, is looking into the contributing, organisational, and systemic factors influencing safety during shunting operations.



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