

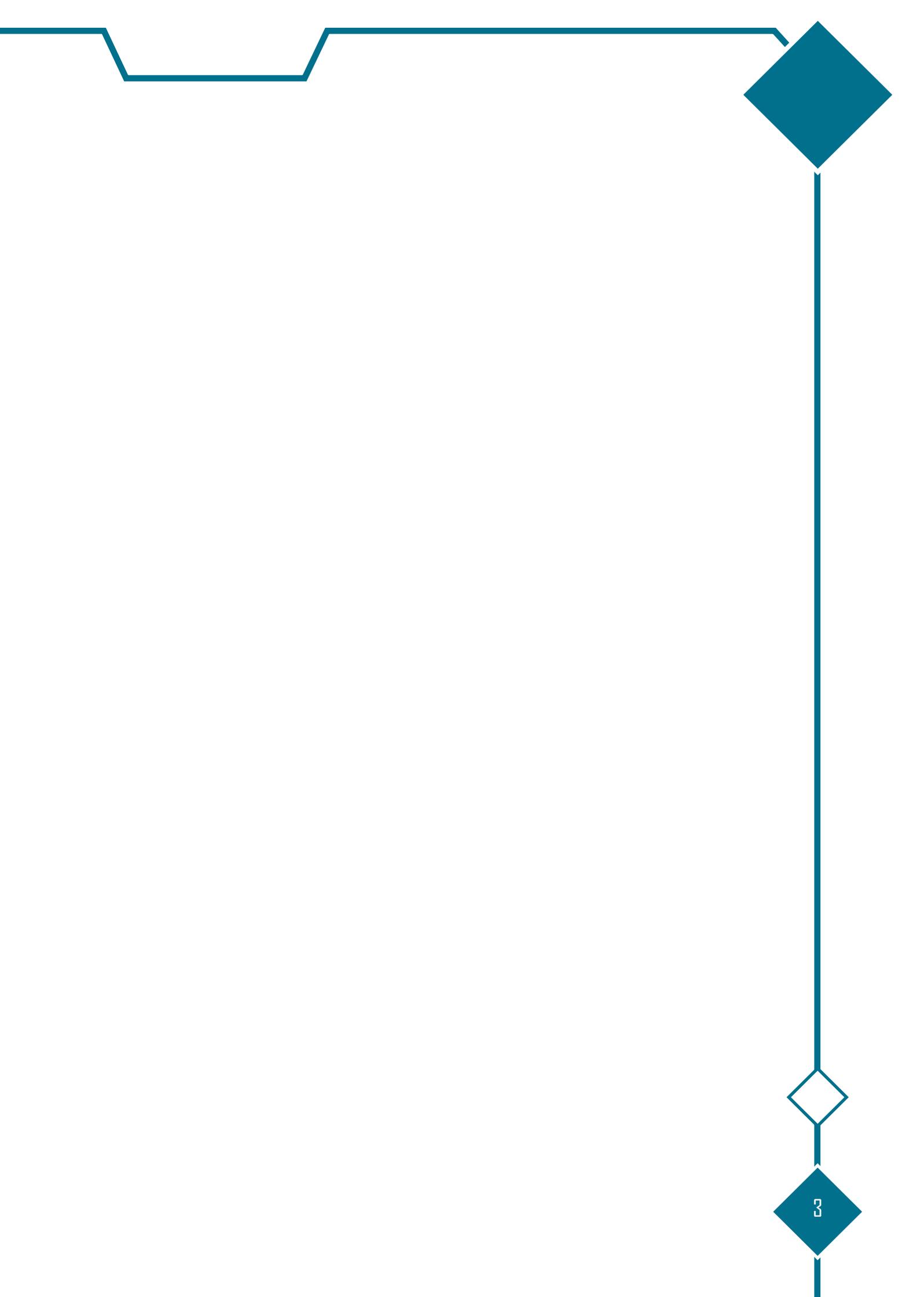
Bulletin of General Information
Two workers hit by a passenger train
Wetteren
15 June 2022

REPORT VERSION TABLE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Nature of the event:

Personnel hit by a passenger train.

Type of event and safety investigation:

Serious accident.

The investigation is on-going.

Date and time of the event:

Wednesday 15 June 2022 around 0:07 am.

Place of the event:

Wetteren – Line 50 – Track A (at kilometre marker 43.075).

Train:

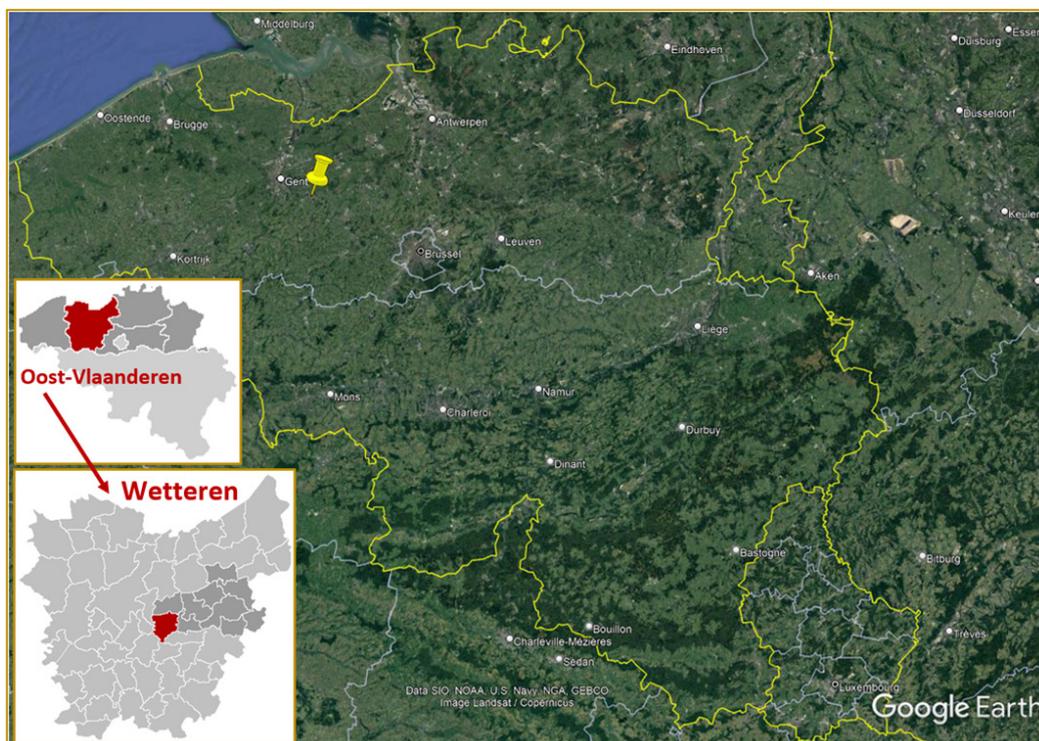
SNCB/NMBS passenger train - E2844 (Brussels Airport Zaventem – Brugge).

Victims:

- 1 staff member was killed instantly;
- 1 staff member was seriously injured.

Damages and consequences:

- Slight damage to the front of the locomotive;
- Various train delays and cancellations.



FACTS

During the night of 14 to 15 June 2022, works are planned to install crocodiles (devices located between both rails of the track that help the driver to follow the indications given by a signal or a sign) on two signals of track A of line 50, near Wetteren.

In order to protect the workers involved in these works, it is planned to take this track out of service (for a distance of about 7 km) between 00:40 am and 04:20 am.

Shortly after midnight, SNCB/NMBS passenger train E2844 runs on track A of line 50 near Wetteren: the train runs between Brussels Airport Zaventem and Bruges and is not due to stop at Wetteren station.

As the train approaches Wetteren station at around 00:07 am, the driver suddenly sees people in the gauge of the track on which his train is running; he applies emergency braking but cannot prevent workers from being hit by the train.

INVESTIGATION

Two workers are hit: one dies instantly, the second is seriously injured and brought to the hospital. According to initial information, both victims are staff members of a subcontractor of the infrastructure manager.

The investigation is ongoing to determine the contributing, organisational and systemic factors that led to the accident.



Location of the accident

Rail Accident and Incident Investigation Unit
<http://www.raiiu.be>

