

Railway Fined \$1.25 Million for Fatal Lac-Mégantic Train Explosion



The now bankrupt Montreal Maine and Atlantic Railway has agreed to pay \$1.25 million to settle charges stemming from the 2013 train explosion that killed 47 people in the small town of Lac-Mégantic. The penalty includes a maximum \$1 million fine for a *Fisheries Act* violation that occurred after crude oil the train was carrying flowed into Mégantic Lake and the Chaudiere River. Five ex-MMA employees were also fined \$50K each after pleading guilty to *Railway Safety Act* violations for failing to ensure the convoy was properly secured. The engineer who improperly parked the train before leaving for the night also received a 6-month prison sentence.