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**ZERO FATALITIES** 

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**Employee Amputation:** 

**On April 9, 2025:** A conductor was seriously injured while performing switching cars in a hump yard. The employees injuries consisted of a partially amputated right foot and the amputation of his toes on the left foot.

## Take Away

While this recent case has not yet been analyzed, the SOFA Working Group reminds all employees to remain vigilant during switching operations. Especially, when working fouling equipment! The last fatality and this amputation were working in-between equipment. Last, but not least, stop the movement in instances of uncertainty and remember to always hold a job briefing whenever the job or situation changes.

Most Common Findings in Switching Operations Fatalities					
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25%	22%	21%	20%	17%	

As a cross-industry collaboration for over 20 years, the SOFA Working Group has identified the Possible Contributing Factors for more than 210 switching operations fatalities since 1992. The SOFA Working Group reports its finding and emerging data trends with the goal of zero fatalities in the railroad industry.