

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : Kyushu Railway Company

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 13:31, November 14, 2015

Location : Nakada level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 4,919 m from the origin at Minami-Miyazaki station, between Minamikata station and Kibana station, single track, Nichinan Line, Miyazaki City, Miyazaki Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Saturday, November 14, 2015, while the outbound Diesel 1939D train, started from Miyazaki station bound for Aburatsu station of Kyushu Railway Company, was running between Minamikata station and Kibana station, Nichinan Line, the train driver noticed the light motor truck in Nakada level crossing, class four level crossing, and applied an emergency brake, but the train collided with the truck.

The driver and a fellow passenger of the light motor truck were dead by the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is probable that the accident had occurred as the train collided with the light motor truck because the light motor truck had entered into Nakada level crossing, class four level crossing, in the situation that the train was approaching.

It could not be determined the precise reasons why the light motor truck had entered into the level crossing where the train was approaching, because the driver of the light motor truck was dead.