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Workers were on scene for quite some time Sunday near the Seaboard plant east of Guymon, Okla., where a train had derailed. There were an estimated 20 cars that had been derailed in the incident; however, a cause for what happened was not determined as of press time Monday. Photo courtesy Guymon Daily Herald, Nancy Kletecka

By NANCY KLETECKA • Guymon Daily Herald Sunday began very early for Guymon firefighters and local law enforcement when their pagers sounded the alarm at around 6:51 a.m.

The call – a train derailed east of Guymon not far from the Seaboard plant.

According to authorities, the accident occurred near what was once the Hi-Pro building.

Upon their arrival, a spokesman said they discovered that an estimated 20 train cars had derailed. The train, which was hauling corn, was not reportedly carrying any hazardous materials.

One railroad crossing intersection was completely blocked, authorities said, and there appeared to be a lot of damage to the tracks; however, nothing had spilled over to U.S. Highway 54. Authorities did not believe there was any damage to the front engine or the back car.

By 4:30 p.m., the ditch along U.S. Highway 54 in the area of the derailment was full of trucks and other response vehicles of not only the railroad but others who were enlisted to assist with the cleanup. Traffic continued to move on Highway 54, albeit slowly past the derailment site.

Another train arrived around 5 p.m., loaded with track to replace the damaged track torn up by the accident.

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In spite of a slight rain storm that moved through the area, workers continued the cleanup process.

A cause of the derailment was not known by press time.