



National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, D.C. 20594

Highway Accident Brief

Accident No.: HWY-98-SH-021
Accident Type: Head-on collision
Location: Pollocksville, North Carolina
Date and Time: March 3, 1998; 1:00 p.m.
Vehicle 1 (V1): 1989 Ford dump truck, empty
Vehicle 2 (V2): 1984 International tractor-semitrailer, empty
Fatalities: 2 fatalities

Accident Description

The dump truck driver crossed the centerline of U.S. Highway 17, a two-lane roadway, and struck the tractor-semitrailer head on. (See figure 1.) A witness stated that the dump truck driver moved over the centerline to avoid rear-ending a left-turning vehicle in front of it. Both trucks were destroyed, and both drivers were killed.

State/Federal Oversight

North Carolina adopted the *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations* with some variances; none of the variances were pertinent to the carrier or driver at the time of the accident.

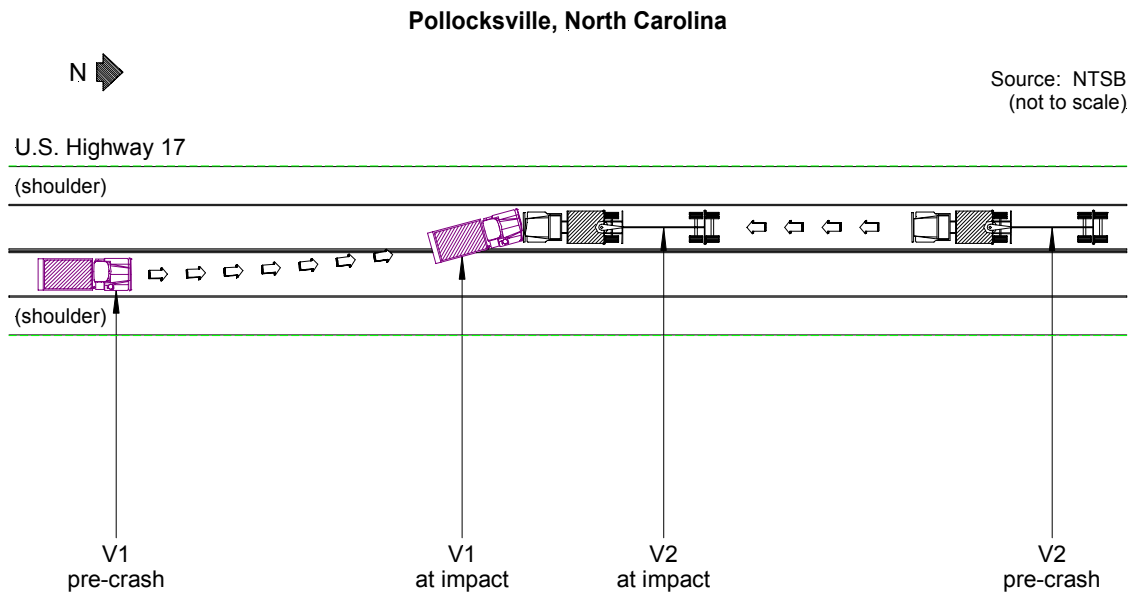


Figure 1. Accident diagram.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines that the probable cause of the accident was the failure of the dump truck driver to stay in his travel lane.

Adopted: September 17, 2002