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Wayne,

I had a conversation with Nancy Macatee at NTSB. She is the fire investigator.

She explained that the paint on the cars immediately adjacent to the tripropylene tanker car was burned off. This means that these cars reached 700°F. Further than two cars away on the "hot" side of the fire (going "up" the tunnel), the paint was intact, indicating that the surfaces of these cars did NOT reach 700°F. This means that the NIST analysis was fairly accurate, based on this evidence.

Just to let you know, I'll be on travel beginning this afternoon, and will return on Friday afternoon. I'll be checking e-mail while I am gone.

-Chris

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