

Port of Montreal **Another fatal work accident, the second in a month**



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A truck driver died at the Montreal Gateway terminal, in the heart of the facilities of the Port of Montreal, on Wednesday afternoon.

A truck driver died in a work accident this Wednesday at the Port of Montreal, the second to occur in less than a month. Several actors will be involved in an investigation that has just been launched into this case.

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La Presse learned from a reliable source that this event would have taken place at the Montreal Gateway terminal, in the heart of the port facilities, in the afternoon.

For the moment, the Port of Montreal confirms that a "work accident occurred at one of our terminals at the end of the day". "The teams are still on site managing the situation," said her spokesperson, Renée Larouche, adding that an investigation would be quickly triggered.

Everything indicates that the Montreal police intervened on the scene, but they refuse to comment. The Commission on Standards, Equity, Health and Safety at Work (CNESST), which should be at the heart of the investigation, indicated in the evening that two inspectors went to the scene to carry out checks. No other details were therefore available.

This is the second file of its kind in a few weeks. At the end of April, a truck driver had also died in the port of Montreal after an accident at one of its docks. The fatal work accident occurred when the next day, April 28, was the Memorial Day of People Who Died or Were Injured at Work.

In 2023, "210 workers lost their lives at work, including 68 in the construction sector and more than 114,000 people who suffered an occupational injury," according to the Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ), the largest workers' union in the province.

FTQ union members had gathered at that time in front of the National Assembly, in Quebec City, and in front of Montreal City Hall, in memory of the missing and to recall the importance of prevention at work.

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