

## BAKKEN CRUDE OIL

I am a Nurse Practitioner and part of the Community Emergency Response Team, I am worried about the emergencies that could occur if we bring 400,000 barrels of crude oil into Port Vancouver by train and then onto ships.

This summer the town of Lac Megantic exploded in a train derailment of crude oil, Last week another train derailed and exploded in Alberta and a third derailed in Saskatchewan Sept 25th. Inspectors are realizing that the material is more explosive than they had realized and the tracks and trains are not up to the safety standard needed to carry this explosive material.

What are you going to do if one of the crude oil trains derails into the Columbia River and pollutes it and the salmon that inhabit it? What are you going to prevent the forests in the gorge from catching on fire if there is a major derailment and explosion in the summer, or if it derails and explodes in Camas, or in Vancouver and lives and main street are lost like they were in Lac Megantic. Who is going to remedy this? What about the consequences of a huge container ship of your crude oil, like the Exxon Valdez, crossing the most dangerous bar in the west coast- we could have another huge spill that could ruin our fishing and tourist industry.

We asked this of DEQ in Oregon how to cleanup after a derailment spill into the Columbia or a fire in the gorge and they said they were not prepared, are you prepared? If not, think about mitigating the losses you could have and rethink this bad idea.

The Pacific NW is famous for its scenery, forests and waters and livability and green innovations. Use the port to ship out wind turbines, solar panels not this environmental disaster.

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