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Comment

Dear PHMSA Rule-making Division,
Regarding the recent PHMSA NPRM 80 FR 3787 (PHMSA-2013-0225), I am making a Public Comment. I am concerned about the dangers of transporting hazardous materials by rail, especially following the recent accident near Galena, Illinois where the newest, best-designed cars had been used. The NPRM should be addressing the public's deep concerns about safer transportation practices. I am deeply concerned that PHMSA does not have safe enough standards for transport of crude oil by rail. Improving standards of railcars is not going to help the problem because the latest and greatest railcars have also crashed. I think we need to seriously consider a ban on transport of oil by rail because it is too costly to nearby people, wildlife, soil, and waterways if it ever derailed. If we absolutely have to move oil by rail, then I believe we must mandate that crude oil is degasified to prepare it for safe transport, that railroads must have adequate insurance to cover any potential accident (around \$11 billion would be a good place to start), that there are more safety inspections of the railroads, and to avoid highly populated areas and areas with rivers and lakes nearby (within 1-2 miles). Otherwise the damages and devastation caused by a possible derailment would be too costly for the people, citizens, and residents of the United States of America. I hope you seriously consider my comment because everyone I have talked to (hundreds of people) agrees that this is in the public's interest. We cannot continue to ignore the people, wildlife, and waterways that are going to be permanently affected by this dangerous transport.

Thank you for considering these concerns,
Mary M Lane

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