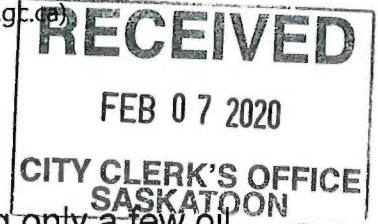


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To: Minister of Transport Marc Garneau (marc.garneau@parl.gc.ca)
Subject: OIL TANKERS AND RAILWAYS
Importance: High



We now have had two recent major derailments in Sask. involving only a few oil tankers derailing resulting fires and environmental pollution. Recently, in Saskatoon, there were 228 tankers and about 3 engines all in one train that held up traffic at a crossing for about 10 minutes. Can you imagine the disaster that such incompetence on the part of the railway could cause? Also, fire trucks and emergency services would be held up for such a long time.

I would strongly suggest that you issue an order immediately to limit the number of oil tankers in one train to about 50 with a time of at least 15 minutes between trains. This should not increase the cost to the railways too much as in the above instance there were about 3 engines in the 228 tank train.

Cc Scott Moe, Premier of Sask.
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