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I am writing to comment as a very concerned citizen about the oil trains that are now increasing through my neighborhood. In the last 6 months I have noted a marked increase in the number of oil cars coming within a quarter mile of my house. This means I am in the blast zone. After writing and complaining and questioning this, I noticed a decreasing of cars during the day, but an increasing amount at night. This means that if there was an accident, my neighborhood could be wiped out while we are sleeping. The toxic benzene that is in those cars is such an extreme risk to public safety that I am considering selling my home to get away from the risks associated.

I am also a CERT volunteer working with Clackamas Fire and Rescue, and as such we are not being trained, or even informed about the dangers of a benzene gas release or explosion. The firemen also don't seem to know the risks either. These tracks run right by several fire stations and the cities water wells, putting our drinking water at risk as well as possibly preventing firemen from even getting out of the station to deal with an emergency. These tracks run right by schools and parks and waterways with no concern for the people or habitats they endanger.

I think that allowing these trains to rumble through our neighborhoods so that oil companies can sell their fuel to Asia, putting Americans at risk is downright criminal. That there is no public information available, or apparently a plan to deal with the inevitable accident is abhorrent. That the profits of a few corporations trumps public safety makes me disgusted.

Welcome to America where greed rules.  
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