

Crude Oil Advanced Tracking Act of 2019 (S. _____)

This bill would make it mandatory that railroads share manifest information for movement of class 3 hazardous flammable liquids with State Emergency Response Commissions in advance to help ensure that local communities are fully prepared in the event of an accident. In addition to improving standards of notification, the bill gives communities resources to prepare and respond.

Section 1: Improved Safety of Flammable Liquids and Gas

- Requires railroad to provide notification of the departure, arrival and volume of class 3 flammable liquids when tendered to the railroads to all State and Tribal Emergency Response Coordinators en-route.
- This information will also be compiled and sent to the Hazardous Material Division of the Office of Railroad Safety for publication in an annual public report.

Section 2: Training

- Mandates that any railroad carrier that transports class 3 flammable liquids carry insurance to pay for 100% of the worst case spill to help quickly mobilize resources in the event of an emergency, and ensure communities aren't on the hook for cleanup of their neighborhoods.

Section 3-6 : Grant Programs

- Authorizes \$15M for the High Hazard Rail Shipments Preparedness and Training Grant to support the development, improvement or implementation of emergency plans and training for communities that crude oil trains regularly pass through.
- Authorizes \$25M for Track Relocation and Railroad Inspection Safety Grants, financial assistance for local projects, activities, and personnel that mitigate the impacts of, and public health or environmental risks associated with the transport of flammable liquids or gases by rail. Environmental and Public Health Mitigation Grants for prevention activities.