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Let's be real. An oil spill contingency plan must plan for what can actually happen. 20% of an oil train could derail, it is just as likely that 30% could derail, or even all of it could derail. If the railroads and oil companies insist on shipping heavy oil in a volatile mixture as their right under interstate commerce regulations, it is our right to demand that they prepare to clean up the inevitable mess completely. All human systems eventually fail. We must be fully prepared. Contingency planning must account for every barrel of oil being shipped. Keep them accountable.