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As a Washington resident, I urge the Department of Ecology to increase protections for our waterways and WA State's environment by tightening the current proposal's in the Oil Spill Contingency Plan Rule. If oil companies want an outlet for tar sands crude oil, they need to prevent disastrous spills by paying for a requirement that all railcars carrying this product be reinforced to the highest standard possible as well as requiring a coordinated, thorough rapid response spelled out in detail in the proposed changes. The timeframe must be specific and must require that products that sink quickly have the most stringent requirements.

The Department of Ecology needs to use its full regulatory power to prevent disastrous, irreversible damage from tar sands spills. Our bottom line needs to be to protect WA citizens, the environment, and wildlife on land and in the waterways rather than allowing the oil sands and rail companies to make a profit at our expense.

I appreciate the work Ecology has already done to prepare for spills, but I'm urging you be the most powerful agent of regulations that prevent damage that you can be.

Thank you. Alicia Warren