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The draft rule will not come close to covering the costs of a major oil spill. This should be part of the expense of doing business for oil companies. (In preschool I always taught the kids that they need to clean up their own messes. Adults and businesses should do the same. That's a basic rule of fairness and justice.) Refineries, pipelines and other oil infrastructure should have the same financial responsibility requirements as vessels. Requirements should prioritize compensation for oil spill impacts over oil company profits, possibly through P&I clubs. Canada's trans mountain pipeline should have a higher per barrel amount responsibility to compensate for higher oil spill response costs of tar sands projects, at least 63,253 per barrel.