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I live in Anacortes WA, a big refining town. We have had countless oil spills! I can relate to the extensive and extended damage that occurs when a train goes off the tracks, oil leaks from failed lines, explosions kill workers and smoke from refining stinks up neighborhoods in stagnant air. When a spill fills the bay, there is a huge effort to assist with clean up and recovery, often from community volunteers to recover fish and fowl struggling in the oily guck. Refineries, pipelines, and other bulk oil handling facilities should be required to have the same financial responsibility requirements as tank vessels and barges: \$1 billion per facility. Please make oil companies take financial responsibility for the clean up. the species of the world, suffer with the long term effects of oil spills. We must step up our standards to curtail these accidents and paying cash dollars is a great incentive and a necessary action to force the changes that need to happen.