NY Executive Order 125 Crude Oil Accident Prevention, Preparedness, and Response



The Problem Rapid Increase in Crude Oil Transportation



US Energy Information Administration

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Major Crude Oil Derailments



Lac Megantic, Quebec, Canada



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Casselton, ND

Crude Oil Rail Routes in NYS



Properties of Bakken Crude

Material	Flash Point	Flammability Range	Vapor Pressure @ 68° F	NFPA Flammability Rating
Gasoline	-46°F	1.4 - 7.6 %	275 - 475 mm Hg	4
Bakken Crude	-31°F	0.8 - 8 %	280-360mmHg	4
Ethanol	55°F	3.3 -19%	42.7 mm Hg	3
Diesel	> 125°F	0.6-7.5%	0.47 mm Hg	2
Kerosene	>100°F	0.7-5%	0.4 mm Hg	2
#6 Fuel Oil	140°F	ND-ND	< 5 mm Hg	2



Elements of Executive Order 125



- Petition federal agencies to upgrade tank car and rail line safety, assess risks, & pre-deploy response assets
- State agencies to assess NYS's prevention, preparedness, & response capabilities
- Report to the Governor by April 30 with recommendations



Involved NYS Agencies

- NYS Department of Transportation
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
- NYS Department of Health
- NYS Energy Research and Development Authority



Communications w/Federal Partners

- Jan 28
 - Agencies to USDOT, USDHS-USCG, USDOE
 - response Mar 12
- Mar 24

 NYSDEC to USEPA
 response Mar 28



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Prevention Issues

- NYS Aboveground Tank System Spill Prevention Regulations
 - Tank construction standards
 - Secondary containment requirements
 - Spill prevention requirements
- Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plans
 - Transfer procedures, facility security, drainage control, countermeasures



Prevention Issues

- Inspection Requirements

 Facility self-inspection
 - NYSDEC Inspections
 - USEPA Inspections



- Coordination of Government
 Inspections
 - Apply concepts being adopted under the Effective Chemical Risk Management Program



- Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Plans
- Facility Response Plans
- Vessel Response Plans
- Railroad Emergency Response Plans



- Development of Geographic Response Plans
 - Need to scope a statewide project
 - Prioritize areas
 - Identify budget and staffing needs
 - Pre-position response equipment
 - Expedite GRP development



- Training and Drills/Exercises
 - Provide additional specialized training for NYS Spill Responders and federal OSCs
 - Increase the frequency and intensity of drills and exercises
 - Increase participation by local response agencies



- Develop regulation for pre-transfer booming
 - Identify when booming would be required
 - Take into account, weather, product type, etc.
 - Consider restrictions on where transfers can occur
 - Consider whether OSRO must be present during a transfer
 - Consistent with NJ regulation





Response Issues

- Rapid exchange of information between agencies
- Availability of response equipment and supplies near critical locations



- Inventories of response assets
- Availability of response contractors





Community Concerns

Times Union

- Proximity of rail corridors, rail yards, & ports to population centers
- Fire/Explosion safety
- Exposures to volatile organic compounds
- Sufficiency of government and private resources to prevent and respond





- Completion of Report
- Prioritization of tasks and Resources
- Expedite Implementation of Recommendations
- Continue ramping up coordination between federal, state, and local agencies



Questions?



