

Talking Points: oil & coal: unsafe on our rails, in our waterways and for our communities

- Oil and coal trains pose serious threats to people, local economies, water, and wildlife. New proposals could send **up to 60 loaded and unloaded trains per day through our communities**, exposing people to the dangers of explosive fuel and hazardous coal dust.
- It's time for **Washington to lead on safe, renewable clean energy solutions** and say no to more oil and coal. Right now, Governor Inslee can take concrete action to protect Washington families by delivering on our right to know how much and what type of oil and coal is moving through our communities and by strengthening rules to protect our waterways from oil spills, including addressing the unique dangers tar sands.
- If all proposals were built, more than **850,000 barrels of oil would be** transported through our state every day—more oil than would be transported by the proposed Keystone XL pipeline.
- Our waters are already at risk from oil spills. More oil and coal by rail means nearly **4,000 additional massive tanker ships each year, increasing the risk of a major spill** that would devastate our economy and way of life in the Northwest.
- From the public health risk of children inhaling coal dust to the increased chance of an oil train explosion like the one that killed 47 people in Quebec last year – this threat is too great. **We won't allow oil and coal companies to jeopardize our families and communities.**

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