

# Protecting Our City — Stop Line 9 —

A Line 9 rupture or a rail accident could harm us all by spreading toxic, explosive crude through Toronto's network of catch basins, sewers, and rivers; contaminating our drinking water, our homes and our businesses; threatening our health and safety.

To protect our city, we need concerted and large-scale citizen action to convince City Councillors to pass a motion banning these products from Toronto. You can help by joining our campaign. Fill in the form below and we will fax a copy to your Councillor. And if you add your email address, we will connect you with others in your Ward who also want to take action.

Tell your City Councillor to vote YES for a Dilbit-free and Bakken-free Toronto.

I (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of Toronto  
living in Ward \_\_\_\_\_ (or Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_), demand that City Council ban  
the transport or passage of Diluted Bitumen and Bakken crude through our city.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Councillors will only respond if they see an actual address in their Ward.)



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## The Connection Between Line 9 and Rail

With the increasing incidence rail disasters, it's becoming clear that the oil industry and federal government are desperate to export Unconventional oil products regardless of the social cost.

The products being exported by rail are the same ones being shipped via Line 9. Both Diluted Bitumen (DilBit) and Bakken crude are Unconventional oil products that require either fracking or mining to extract. They are both categorized by the Transportation Safety Board (TSB) as Class 3, PG II products (explosive liquids) along with gasoline, naptha, etc. (Given a source of ignition, either product will explode when spilling from a pipe, as they did when spilling from rail cars in Lac Mégantic.)

The difference to Torontonians (and Canadians) is that DilBit and Bakken crude are simply passing through Toronto to be exported to other countries. They are not for local use; they are not being refined locally; they are endangering our communities for oil industry profits alone.

As part of the City of Toronto's submission to the NEB, an excerpt from the Supreme Court of Canada stated that "municipalities are trustees of the environment", and that as the level of government "being closest to the people, should be empowered to exceed, not lower, the national norms".



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