

Sudbury letter: Pipelines safer than rail

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To Claude Gravelle, Nickel Belt MP:

Although I was pleased to see you on site at the recent oil spill in Gogama, I am terribly concerned about the spill into Minisinakwa Lake. Crude oil has a portion that is denser than water. This oil will sink to the bottom of the lake and pollute for years to come.

Canadian National Railways needs to remove this sunken oil as part of its cleanup. Independent assessment should be made to confirm that they have removed all of this oil from the lake bottom.

Transporting the Brakken oil from North Dakota to market will continue to occur, no matter what we say. The environmentally secure choice would be to support the conversion of the TCPL natural gas project to oil transport as a means of eliminating railway transport.

I would hope you would support this project as sooner or later a town in your riding could be incinerated like Lac Megantic was.

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