

DERAILED TRAIN IN COLORADO SPILLS OVER 6,000 GALLONS OF CRUDE OIL

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Crews work to clean up several train cars that were derailed and flipped. (Photo: AP Photo/The Greeley Tribune, Joshua Polson)

LASALLE, Colo. (AP) — The Union Pacific Railroad says 6,500 gallons of oil spilled when a train derailed in northern Colorado on Friday.

A railroad spokeswoman said cleanup operations were still underway Saturday. State officials say the spill was contained to a ditch and didn't reach the nearby South Platte River.

The railroad says the contaminated soil will be removed and replaced with clean soil.

Six of the 100 cars in a crude oil train derailed west of LaSalle, about 45 miles north of Denver. One car leaked.

Three cars were empty and have been moved. Two-thirds of the oil in another car had been removed by Saturday and another was still full.