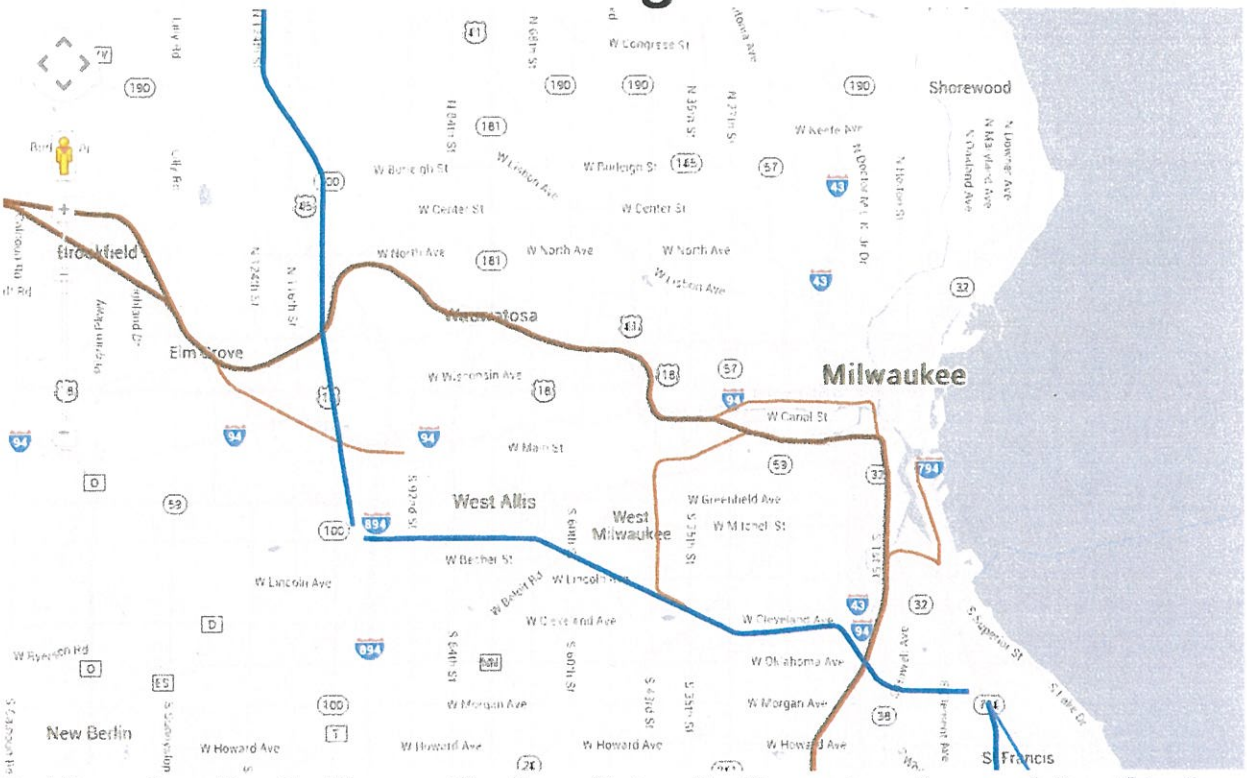
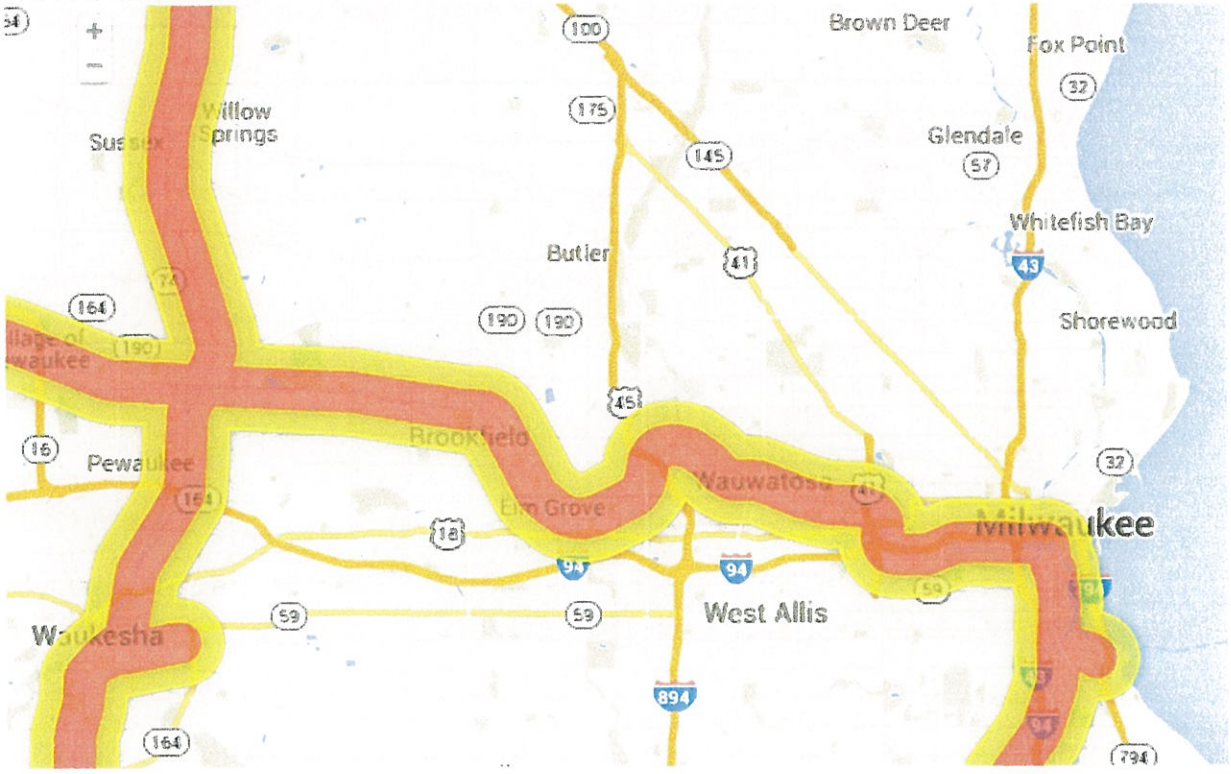
Oil Train Routes Through Milwaukee Area



Red line – Canadian Pacific Blue line – Union Pacific – not used as much for oil tankers

Blast Zone – ½ mile and 1mile



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Top Ten Questions About Oil Trains

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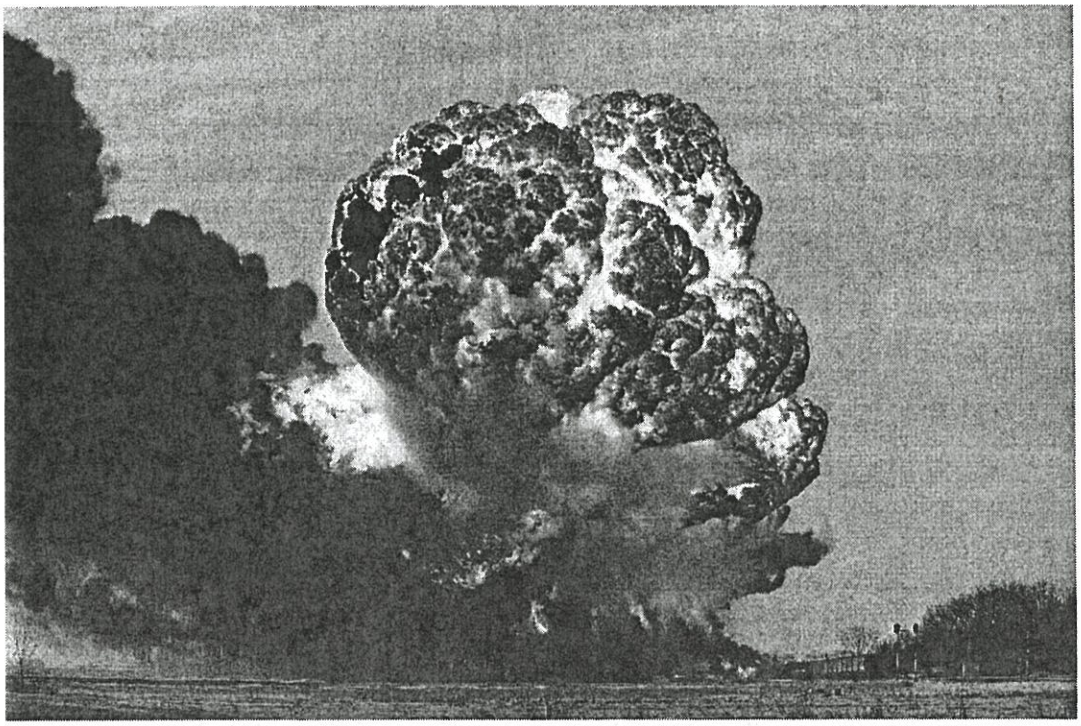

Dec. 2013, Casselton, ND: Derailment and Explosion of Mile-Long Oil Train

1. When did trains start exploding?

Rail transportation of crude oil is growing rapidly and dangerously – from fewer than 10,000 carloads in 2008 to nearly half a million in 2014 – for two reasons: Bakken oil from North Dakota and Canadian tar sands. The North American boom means oil companies are trying to frack and mine more of this extreme oil, crude that is high in carbon, difficult and expensive to produce, and dangerous to transport.

2. Are cities and towns with rail lines safe?

With the exception of Capitol Hill (the rail industry seems to be sparing Washington, DC) most routing is done specifically throughout cities and towns. No, the oil and rail industries are probably not purposely targeting us, it's just that the rails in populated places tend to be better maintained and rated for heavier cargoes. The sane thing to do would be to stop hauling crude oil if it can't be transported safely. A far distant next best is to make these trains as safe as possible and require rerouting around cities and water supplies.

3. What is the government doing?

Not nearly enough. While 100-plus car trains full of an explosive crude roll through our towns, the US government is barely moving, bogged down by nearly 100 of Washington's most expensive K-Street lobbyists. In fall 2014, ForestEthics, Earthjustice, and the Sierra Club sued the Department of Transportation to speed up new safety standards on oil trains. We called the trains an imminent danger to public safety. The federal government responded by once again delaying their decision on new rules that have been in the works for years.

4. What is the slowest speed at which an oil explosion could happen?