

BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 14218

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CERTAIN RAIL SAFETY
MEASURES IN BERGEN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, nationwide, rail shipments of crude oil rose from 5,000 carloads in 2006 to 400,000 carloads last year; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that at least 7 million gallons of highly flammable Bakken crude oil travels through the County of Bergen per day; and

WHEREAS, the CSX River Line travels through 11 Bergen County towns, Northvale, Norwood, Harrington Park, Closter, Haworth, Dumont, Bergenfield, Teaneck, Bogota, Ridgefield Park and Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation reported data shows that crude oil from the Bakken region in North Dakota tends to be more volatile and flammable than other crude Oils; and

WHEREAS, the safety of every single resident and first responder across Bergen County is of paramount concern to this Freeholder Board; and

WHEREAS, this Board also sees any potential rail accident as a potential environmental disaster; and

WHEREAS, the concerns over the crude oil on our railways has mounted in recent months after a series of accidents and derailments in the States of North Dakota, Alabama and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, despite the National Transportation Safety Board finding the tankers inadequate for transporting such flammable materials, federal officials continue to refuse banning companies from shipping crude in the older-model tank cars; and

WHEREAS, the National Transportation Safety Board advises that older models of the type of tank car used to transport crude oil and ethanol, known as the DOT-111, are not safe to carry hazardous liquids; and

WHEREAS, the National Transportation Safety Board recommended that all new and existing tank cars in crude oil and ethanol service be equipped with additional safety design features, including enhanced puncture resistance systems, top fittings protection and bottom outlet valves that remain closed during accidents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Freeholder Board recommends that DOT-111 Tanks not be used to transport shipments of Bakken oil through the County of Bergen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Freeholder Board further recommends that any rail cars that pass through Bergen County be equipped with these enhanced features; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board recognizes that emergency responders from our local municipalities are the first to respond to any public safety incidents we urge CSX, Federal and State Public Safety Officials to more proactively share necessary data and product information to our local first responders so that they can best be properly trained and prepared for any incident; and

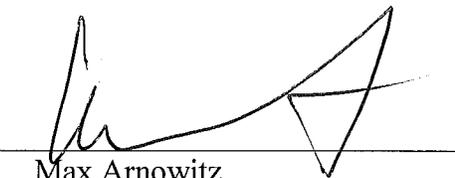
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board see this issue as a major safety concern for our residents across our State, we urge our colleagues in Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Mercer counties to enact similar resolutions. We also urge our colleagues in Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Mercer counties, to urge their state and federal officials to enact meaningful rail-safety actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the offices of Senator Robert Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, congressman Bill Pascrell, Congressman Albio Sires, Congressman E. Scott Garrett, to effect federal legislation to make these changes, Governor Chris Christie, County executive Kathleen Donovan, the members of Bergen County's State Legislative Delegation, the Freeholder Boards of Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Mercer Counties, and all 70 Mayors of the municipalities in the County of Bergen for their support.

Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
DeGise, Jason			X				
Frank, Douglas			X				
Kelley, Thomas	X		X				
Looes, Chrisoula			X				
Meyerson, Lawrence		X	X				
Pizzella, Frank			X				

Adopted: October 14, 2014

Attest: 
 Susan Witkowski
 Municipal Clerk


 Max Arnowitz
 Mayor