

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2013, a freight train with DOT-111 tank cars carrying crude oil derailed in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, causing a fiery explosion which devastated the center of town and killed three dozen people; and

WHEREAS, with a railroad network of approximately 7,400 miles, Illinois' rail system is the country's second largest; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago and St. Louis lenninal switching districts are the two key points of interchange between rail systems nationwide and handle more than 40,000 rail cars on a typical weekday; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, railroads in Illinois handled approximately 33.712 million tons of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago hereby declares DOT-111 tank cars carrying hazardous materials to be a public nuisance, which constitutes a serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare; now, therefore

BE IT ORDERED, that the Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago is hereby ordered to take legal action against the operators of dangerous and defective DOT-111 tank cars to enjoin their use within the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Corporation Counsel is hereby ordered to take all necessary action to fomially petition the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to promulgate rules that will mandate the retrofit of existing DOT-111 tank cars, which will enhance the safe transportation of hazardous materials within the City of Chicago.

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