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Oil Trains Cross Southeast Nebraska

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)-- Three trains loaded with at least 1 million gallons of crude oil routinely cross eastern Nebraska each week.

Nebraska officials released the information Tuesday after earlier refusing to disclose it when The Associated Press and others requested the details.

BNSF railroad says the trains enter northeast Nebraska from Iowa and are carried across Dakota, Thurston, Burt, Dodge, Saunders, Cass, Lancaster, Gage, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson counties.

Federal transportation officials ordered the railroads this spring to notify states about trains carrying at least 1 million gallons of crude oil.

Railroads are under pressure to improve safety after several fiery derailments involving crude oil, including one in a small Canadian city in eastern Quebec where 47 people died last July when 60 cars derailed and exploded.

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