

Crude by Rail and the Pacific Northwest: An Overview

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Overview of Crude By Rail (CBR) Movements – United States

Facts:

- Per U.S. EIA, in 2014 the U.S. became the No. 1 producer of oil in the world and with that continuing into 2015 – bigger than Saudi Arabia or Russia
- Per the American Association of Railroads, 2014 carloads carrying oil rose by more than 5,000 percent when compared with the numbers in 2008 – approximately 350,000,000 barrels in 2014.
- Key U.S. production regions: Texas, Gulf of Mexico offshore and North Dakota, which combined account for more than one-half of U.S. production

Crude By Rail: Why It Grew

• Within the past 10 years:

- Rapid expansion of crude oil production in inland U.S.
- Very limited pipeline capacity North Dakota in particular
- Lack of pipeline network to coastal regions supplied in recent decades by imported or Alaskan crude oil
- $_{\odot}$ Domestic crude less expensive than imported
- Quick capability of railroads to expand crude oil capacity
- A positive economic equation for producers, refiners, and railroads

West Coast Sources of Crude By Rail

- Five Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) in the U.S.
 - The West Coast, Alaska, and Hawaii are located in PADD 5
- Largest movement is originating from PADD 2, with sources from North Dakota oil fields





West Coast Crude Oil Movements in Detail

- Crude by Rail transported to:

- Unloading facilities at refineries in Washington and California
- Terminals in California, Washington, and Oregon.

- CBR Importance of West Coast:

- Supply serves needs of key population centers
- Bakken accounts for 90% of West Coast receipts delivered by rail



The Pacific Northwest Rail Network

- Seven principal rail routes to refineries and ports in British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon:
 - UP Columbia River Gorge
 - $_{\circ}\,$ BNSF Columbia River Gorge
 - BNSF Stampede Pass (Pasco-Auburn)
 - $_{\circ}\,$ CP-BNSF via Bellingham, Washington
 - ∘ CP-UP via Eastport, Idaho
 - $_{\circ}\,$ CP to Vancouver, B.C.
 - $_{\circ}$ CN to Vancouver, B.C.



Safety Regulations Enhanced

- High-profile accidents have introduced the need to improve public safety, while also reducing the potential for rail spills
- In 2015, USDOT strengthened safety standards for rail transportation of flammable liquids:
 - $_{\circ}~$ Improved tank car standards
 - Phase-out of older tank cars
 - Improved train operation requirements
 - New testing and sampling requirements to determine crude oil volatility
 - Revising current operational protocols



