

Join Our Rally/Press Conference

When: Thursday, July 6, 2023, 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Where: Dr. Barnett's Bookstaver Park, (GPS) 855 Windsor Road, Teaneck, across from the CSX rail line and Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Station, near Cedar Lane, bus routes and nearby parking.

Mark the 10th Anniversary of the Tragedy of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, when a train carrying volatile Bakken crude oil derailed and exploded like a bomb, killing 47 children and adults, and destroyed the downtown.

Stand in solidarity with the people of Paulsboro, NJ, East Palestine, OH, and surrounding communities that are dealing with the serious health impacts of the derailments of trains carrying vinyl chloride which produces toxic dioxin when it burns.

Call for the passage of A5605, new Rail Safety legislation for NJ, including minimum 2 person crews, shorter trains, wayside detectors, and other important provisions that can help prevent accidents.

Trains carrying petroleum, vinyl chloride and other hazardous materials travel through towns, cities, and rural communities here in New Jersey, putting us at great risk. Hazmat trains cross bridges over reservoirs and other water bodies threatening the safety of drinking water. We are stepping up our efforts to prevent rail accidents and to protect our safety with the introduction of a **new rail safety bill, A5605.**

At the Rally:

Hear (virtually) speakers from Lac-Mégantic and the East Palestine area.

Read the names of victims of Lac-Mégantic.

Hear from first responders and rail workers, legislators, community advocates, and the Solidarity Singers

Sponsors: Coalition to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains and Work Environment Council

Co-sponsors: Central Bergen Circle of GreenFaith, Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition, Environment NJ, Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County, Food and Water Watch NJ, Franciscan Response to Fossil Fuels, Hackensack Riverkeeper, League of Women Voters – Teaneck, National Council of Jewish Women - Bergen County Section, Northern NJ NOW, Occupy Bergen County, Professional Firefighters Association of New Jersey, Railroad Workers United, Resistance Café, Saint Anastasia Haiti Support Group, Sierra Club North Jersey, Social Action Committee of Temple Emeth, Teaneck Peace and Justice Vigil, The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palisades, United Muslim Action, Waterspirit.

Additional co-sponsors welcome.

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