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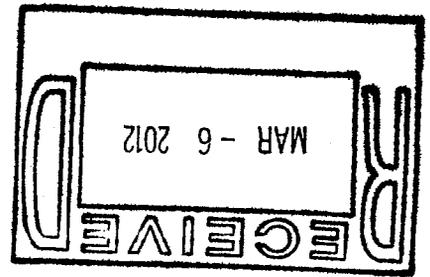


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March 5, 2012

Steven Ledoux  
Acton Town Manager  
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Dear Mr. Ledoux:

Global Oil located in Revere, MA is proposing to bring freight trains carrying ethanol to their facilities along the Chelsea River. Ethanol is an alcohol that is mixed with gasoline for sale to gas stations and is a volatile, flammable, colorless liquid that burns at extremely high temperatures. Alcohol-resistant foam is necessary to extinguish ethanol fires along with specially trained fire-fighters.

Global Oil is proposing to bring 60-car trains, each car will carry 30,000 gallons of ethanol, into its facility 2x per week, every week. This will result in 187,200,000 gallons of ethanol on freight trains each year.

The route of the train is extremely dangerous as it will travel through densely populated residential neighborhoods and commercial centers. Before coming through Chelsea and reaching its final destination in Revere, the train is likely to travel through the following cities and towns:

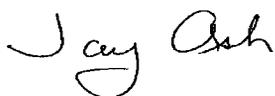
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- Leominster
- Shirley
- Ayer
- Littleton
- Acton
- Concord
- Lincoln
- Waltham
- Belmont
- Cambridge
- Somerville
- Everett
- Boston

Should a fire or explosion occur, hundreds of thousands of people and dozens of businesses could be impacted.

The Chelsea City Council passed a resolution last Monday evening opposing the ethanol trains. It is attached for your review and consideration. Should your municipality decide to oppose the proposal, we would encourage a similar statement from your elected body or you.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is holding a public hearing on a permit to upgrade its facility on filled tidelands being sought by Global Oil on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The public hearing will take place at Revere City Hall in the City Council Chambers, 281 Broadway, Revere. Please consider participating in this public hearing and/or submitting written comments to the DEP by March 28. In addition, please consider involving your Congressional leaders in fighting this egregious proposal.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact either of us for information. We can be reached at [Jash@chelseama.gov](mailto:Jash@chelseama.gov) or (617)466-4100 or [RoseannB@chelseacollab.org](mailto:RoseannB@chelseacollab.org) or (617)889-6080x111, respectively.



Very Truly Yours,  
Jay Ash  
Chelsea City Manager



Roseann Bongiovanni  
Director, Chelsea Green Space and  
Former Chelsea City Councilor

# READY FOR ETHANOL?



Global Oil wants to bring in a **1 mile long train** filled with **1,800,000 gallons of ethanol**, twice a week through Everett, Chelsea, Revere, and East Boston.

## **LET'S STOP THIS TRAIN!**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

March 8, 2012 • 6:00 PM

Revere City Hall

Chelsea Green Space

**617-889-6080 • 318 BROADWAY**

City of Chelsea, Massachusetts

FEB 27 2012, 2012

Roll Call Vote in Connection With B/H to adopt Resolution by Roll Call

Etchonal to go through the City  
by Train.

CHELSEA CITY COUNCIL

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Councillor Cliff Cunningham District Seven		✓		
Councillor Joseph Perlatonda District Five	✓			
Councillor Matt Frank District Three	✓			
Councillor Leo Robinson At-Large	✓			
Councillor Dan Cortell District Eight	✓			
Councillor Paul Murphy District One	✓			
Councillor Giovanni Recupero District Six	✓			
Councillor Paula S. Barton District Four	✓			
Councillor Calvin T. Brown At-Large	✓			
Councillor Brian Hatleberg At-Large	✓			
Councillor Chris Cataldo District Two		✓		

Totals

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Comments

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# Chelsea City Council

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February 27, 2012

*BIH  
to adopt by Roll Call  
Passed 9-2-0-0*

## Resolution

- Whereas, Daniel Faber, PhD. and Eric Krieg, PhD., identify Chelsea as the 3<sup>rd</sup> most intensively overburdened community in Massachusetts;<sup>1</sup> and
- Whereas, The Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) Environmental Justice Policy classifies every single neighborhood in Chelsea as an environmental justice population;<sup>2</sup> and
- Whereas, Chelsea is one of the most densely populated cities/towns in state with more than 35,000 residents inhabiting 1.8 square miles; and
- Whereas, Global Oil located in Revere, MA is proposing to bring freight trains carrying ethanol to their facilities along the Chelsea River via the commuter rail line; and
- Whereas, Ethanol is an alcohol based fuel that is mixed with gasoline and is a highly volatile, flammable, colorless liquid that burns at extremely high temperatures; and
- Whereas, Large volumes of alcohol resistant foam are necessary to extinguish ethanol fires; and
- Whereas, Global Oil is proposing to bring 60-car trains, each car carrying 30,000 gallons of ethanol, into its facility twice per week, every week. This will result in 187,200,000 gallons of ethanol on freight trains coming through our neighborhoods each year; and
- Whereas, The train will travel through other densely populated communities including Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Everett and Revere; and
- Whereas, The train travels very closely to the Williams School, the Mary C. Burke Elementary School Complex and Chelsea High School in addition to the urban renewal district, MGH and the MITC Building; and
- Whereas, Should a fire or explosion occur, thousands of people and dozens of businesses can be impacted -- entire neighborhoods decimated; and

<sup>1</sup> Faber, Dr. Daniel R., and Dr. Eric J. Krieg, Unequal Exposure to Ecological Hazards 2005: Environmental Injustices in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, page 48, October 12, 2005.

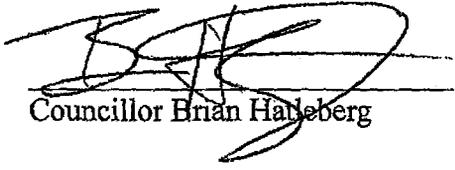
<sup>2</sup> [www.mass.gov/envir/ej](http://www.mass.gov/envir/ej)

- Whereas, Trains carrying these volatile and flammable materials are significant public safety threats and terrorist targets; and
- Whereas, The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is holding a public hearing on a Chapter 91 water dependent license being sought by Global Oil on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Revere City Hall; now therefore be it
- Resolved, The Chelsea City Council fully opposes the proposal put forth by Global Oil to transport ethanol via railway through Chelsea neighborhoods to Revere, MA; and be it further
- Resolved, The Chelsea City Council strongly opposes any new public safety, public health and environmental threats in Chelsea's already overburdened community; and be it further
- Resolved, The City Council does not believe the proposal to be a water-dependent use and should not qualify for a Chapter 91 license; and be it further
- Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Patrick, EOEEA Secretary Rick Sullivan, Mr. David Slagle MA DEP Waterways Resource Protection, Boston City Council, Cambridge City Council, Somerville Board of Alderman, Revere City Council, Everett City Council, Congressman Michael Capuano, Senator DiDomenico, Representative O'Flaherty and Representative Reinstein.

*Leo Robinson*

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Councillor Calvin T. Brown

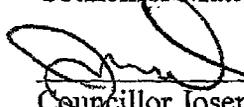
  
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