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## Statement

### **North Dakota Leaders at fault in West Virginia Train Explosion**

**Bismarck, ND---**In light of another Bakken Bomb Train explosion, Dakota Resource Council has released the following statement about the train derailment and explosion near Mount Carbon in Fayette County, West Virginia.

#### **DRC STATEMENT:**

Responsibility for this explosion is squarely at the feet of North Dakota officials from Gov. Dalrymple on down for their inept handling of regulating oil extraction in North Dakota. They could make sure oil is safe before it's put on trains, but they've refused to do that. They have put protecting oil companies as their highest priority. They do not care about the consequences. We really must expect more from North Dakota officials.

It is irresponsible to keep approving permits to drill wells if there isn't a safe way to get the oil to market. North Dakota's current officials should slow down giving drilling permits. Governor Dalrymple's Administration is putting people's lives and property at risk here and across the continent.

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*Founded in 1978, Dakota Resource Council is a statewide, multi-issue organization bringing together farmers, ranchers, small business owners, workers and other North Dakotans to address issues that affect their lives and livelihoods.*