

Session title:

Doon, Iowa Train Derailment & Crude Oil Spill

Session speakers:

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Session summary:

Many of our departments deal with the devastating effects of flooding. But instead of washed out roads, in 2018, Lyon County experienced a rail wash out which derailed 32 rail cars and dumped 160,000 gallons of Canadian Crude Oil into the floodwaters. Surrounded by farmland and a flooded city 6 miles downstream, an efficient, yet quick response was necessary. Arden's presentation will describe the step-by-step actions and response from the first on scene to the 18 months of clean up.