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Public Safety and unmanned Locomotives/

I would like the governor or whoever reads his mail to read the papers and follow how many accidents have happened since the railroad started using unmanned Locomotives. The Engineer who used to sit inside the Locomotive was highly trained at his job of running the Locomotive. Now the railroad is using employees with minimal hours under their belts of experience, who are controlling the train at a distance. These trains not only hold grain, vehicles, But.....Hazardous materials. I would like to know how you would feel if your children and you lived beside the train yard. For every 90 minutes there is a train accident somewhere in this country. And Approximately every two weeks a train that holds hazardous materials goes off the tracks somewhere in the U.S. resulting in evacuation of residents. If you saw the news on 2-10-03 there was a train wreck with hazardous materials that derailed. Let's stop hiding our heads in the sand and decide that although it may be cheaper to have no Engineer operating the locomotive ( remember his eyes, ears and experience are a safety system...which the unmanned locomotive does not have), it still is a risk at life and death the railroad does not mind taking.....DO YOU??

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