

In July, Lisa Raitt was appointed Minister of Transport. She had previously served as Minister of Natural Resources and Minister of Labour. Prior to her election to the House of Commons, Ms. Raitt was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Port Authority (TPA). She had previously served as the TPA's general counsel and harbourmaster.

Following the Lac-Mégantic derailment in July, the top priority for Minister Raitt has been to engage community representatives, technical experts and industry officials to identify practical ways to further improve the transportation of dangerous goods. Recently a protective direction was issued requiring any person who imports or offers for transport crude oil, to conduct classification tests. The direction, in its entirety, is provided below.