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Downstream Strategies: New Regulations Are Only First Step to Prevent Future Spills

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Downstream Strategies President Evan Hansen has worked on a report called "The Freedom Industries Spill: Lessons Learned and Needed Reforms." Hansen says new regulations on storage facilities, like the one involved in the Elk River spill, are only a first step towards prevention.

Hansen also suggests:

Additional funding to the state

Department of Environmental Protection, to add staff to its enforcement ranks;

A harsh tone from the state government on all extraction industries, that lax enforcement and shoddy storage won't be tolerated,



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A reformation of the permitting system, which includes holding storage facilities to more stringent permits, that would require public comment.

A copy of this report will be made available with this post Tuesday.

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