The Pembina Corporation, a Canadian oil company with heavy investments in the Alberta tar sands, announced plans in the fall of 2014 to build a propane (LPG) export terminal at the Port of Portland's Rivergate Terminal on the Columbia River opposite West Hayden Island. This export terminal would require that a pipeline be built crossing a fragile riparian area along the Columbia River which is zoned as a conservation area. In order for the proposal to move forward, the city's zoning code prohibiting hazardous materials from being transported through conservation zones would have to be modified. Once modified, this zoning change would set a precedent that could allow additional fossil fuel infrastructure to be constructed in many other sites in the region.

Portland was recently awarded the title of "Climate Champion" by the White House for the city's focus on sustainability and commitment to reduce green house gases. However, if this terminal were built, the daily climate impact of the propane once burned would be equivalent to the daily emissions from 760,000 passenger vehicles (1.5 times the number of such vehicles registered in Multnomah County in 2013). In addition, the propane is likely to be sourced from fracked gas and Alberta's tar sands, furthering what many call the most environmentally destructive industrial project on the planet. *We need to stop this proposal in its tracks*. Thank you for keeping the environment safe from this sort of development.

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