

Planning and Sustainability Commission members,

I oppose the City of Portland making a change to environmental code to allow a propane export facility along the Columbia River.

We should not expose the unique wildlife and plant features of Smith and Bybee Lakes, the adjacent Columbia River and West Hayden Island to the risk of toxic contamination and devastating fires from an explosion. We should not expose our local citizens living and recreating in the adjacent area to the risks of explosion.

The flammable liquid fuel will be transported by mile-long trains before being loaded onto tankers bound for Asia. Since it burns to form water and carbon dioxide, Portland should oppose amending the code, which will result in building an export facility, to avoid taking part in furthering global carbon emissions.

Our present environmental zone code does not allow hazardous propane to be shipped by pipeline through these fragile zones. Amending this code for monetary gain in taxes is wrong since it puts all living beings at risk.

I urge you to maintain the current environmental code and oppose the propane export facility at Terminal 6.

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