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To: Anderson, Susan

Subject: NO to dangerous liquefied propane gas (LPG) anywhere near the Columbia

Susan,

This has to stop. Just because we have rail lines, does not mean that we either want or need to use them to transport dangerous materials through our beautiful gorge or our communities and put either at risk unnecessarily.

Portland was recently awarded President Obama's Climate Action Champions award. The city's own climate goal is to reduce our carbon emissions by 80% by 2050. Despite this, a Canadian fossil fuel corporation is asking our city to roll back its environmental code along the Columbia River to allow a terminal to export dangerous liquefied propane gas (LPG). This is a terrible idea. It runs counter to the direction we are headed as a country and a species.

Not only that, the proposed location is adjacent to Pier 6 and immediately across the Hayden Island Channel from West Hayden Island. Large propane tanks create a risk of explosion that could seriously affect this critical natural area, and any explosion control and cleanup would have seriously negative impacts on the Columbia River."

The Pembina proposed propane export terminal would result in over 10,000 tons of CO₂ released into the atmosphere each day. This does not include releases during production, shipping or ultimate end use of the LPG. The carbon from these emissions will not stay within the borders of the region where the propane is burned. It will affect the climate and carbon emissions around the globe.

The protections for this kind of energy transport are unreliable and the clean-up would be at cost to the American people, not the Canadian companies and whomever else is profiting here in America (certainly not the average American, who usually just gets stuck with the bill to clean up any mess). All in all, this is a losing proposition and these kinds of short-term profit, high risk, lack-of-responsibility "opportunities" are getting old fast. If it is not the XL pipeline, then it is fracking, or coal trains and terminals, or LPG. I oppose any of these energy initiatives that put us at greater risk both in the immediate sense (to nature and communities. It's not like you have to dig too deep to find recent stories of explosions and lack of safety - <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/freight-train-derails-canada-homes-evacuated-0> or <http://www.capitalnewyork.com/article/albany/2014/10/8555147/oil-train-shipper-has-propane-spill-albany> are just a couple).

We need to be stressing reducing our carbon emissions, not enabling others to disregard them.

No to Coal.

No to LPG.

No to Pipelines.

And

YES to renewable energy.

YES to conservation of energy

YES to wiser energy choices

YES to better energy education

YES to safe natural habitats and communities.

Susan - Why put ourselves at risk when we don't have to?

Please make the best choice for Portland, our communities and to protect the gorge.
If you don't, who will?

Cheers!

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