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**Comment to Portland Planning and Sustainability Council  
Regarding: amending the environmental zone on acreage at  
Terminal 6**

Traditionally, I expect when the Council has considered amending an environmental zone designation, the focus has been on the impact to the zoned land itself. You also know issues now, in 2015, sometimes have the potential for global effects. Amending this environmental zone to allow propane to be transported by pipeline across this acreage is a good example.

The storage and export terminal that may result from your decision will bring safety issues (500 yard-wide security zones around the ships), degradation to our climate (thousands of barrels of propane eventually converted to tons of CO2) concerns by geologist (about the stability of the land in the event of a large earthquake) and the consumption of a huge amount of electricity from the local electrical grid (8,000 megawatts per month?) Yes, the proposed project would provide substantial tax revenue for the city and schools. That additional revenue would be welcome. But looking at the big picture (and I feel the Council should be looking at the big picture), the tax revenue is the only obvious benefit of this project.

The zoning on this property was determined to be appropriate by the City more than 25 years ago. It is even more important to retain the current zoning in 2015. I request the Council not amend this environmental zone. Future generations will thank you.

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