

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission hearing
(re: Zoning Code Amendment for Hazardous Substances in the Environmental Overlay
Zone)

Good afternoon.

My name is Anna Fritz. I am a professional musician and songwriter and Portland has been my home for 15 years. I take very seriously the responsibility we all have to be good stewards of this land that gives us life. Endangerment of our own local ecosystem is reason enough to say no to this propane terminal, but we have a larger responsibility here. I invite you, commissioners, as citizens of Cascadia to stand with us in our collective power to protect our land base, the lives of our children, and life on earth.

This is a song of this land, and its people:

Coal, oil, gas
none of these shall pass.
Leave it in the ground
and turn the trains around.

Cascadia is a place of great power
We stand at the mouth of the river,
rooted to the land and its people
we turn the trains around.

We are a people awakening
We are a people reclaiming
We are a people demanding
turn the trains around.

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by Anna Fritz