

Good afternoon. We are students from the Sunnyside Environmental School Climate Change Cohort. We are here to share our concerns about the construction of the propane export terminal here in Portland. We represent the students of Sunnyside. Thank you for listening.

We are concerned that if this propane export terminal is constructed that we will set an example for other cities and the rest of our city that replacing valuable wildlife habitat with fossil fuels is an okay thing to do. We don't think so. If we keep allowing things to be built that pollute the earth, and create more carbon, it will be too late to clean it up and turn it around. That is not the kind of future we want.

Our city has a Climate Action Plan to reduce our carbon footprint by 40% by 2030 and 80% by 2050 and by putting in this terminal, it doesn't make sense and it takes us farther away from our goal.

We understand that jobs are important, ^{but only a few} ~~but less than one~~ job per acre doesn't sound very efficient, even if it's a good job, it's still a dangerous

job. Propane is very combustible and explosions could happen during the transport from Canada and at the facility. There could be a spill or leakage into our sensitive waterways at the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. This could kill the wildlife and permanently destroy the riparian habitat.

Pembina Propane is proposing to bring 1.3 mile long trains full of liquid propane gas every other day through our city. These trains would be carrying very explosive material right next to the Columbia River, towns and us. Just keeping the two giant storage tanks refrigerated at -40 degrees Fahrenheit would use a lot of valuable energy. The tanks can hold up to 700,000 barrels of propane. Is this really what we want to have right next to the river where our ~~baby~~ salmon are looking ~~for safety?~~ ^{to spawn} We don't think so.

Right across from the terminal is Hayden Island with 800 acres of forest and wetlands with over 200 species of birds, which include bald eagles, sapsuckers, owls and many more wildlife species. We love our wildlife and would like them to stay protected. Building a pipeline in a

sensitive ecosystem and sending the propane to Asia for money doesn't seem right. This is not a way to make a sustainable future. Even though we wouldn't be burning the gas here, it still goes into the air and affects all of us. Our parents have always taught us to be responsible and saying no to the propane terminal is the responsible thing to do. We hope that you agree with us and we are counting on you to do the right thing.

Thank you very much.

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