

Dear Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission,

As a resident and homeowner in North Portland I am adamantly opposed to the proposed Pembina Propane Terminal to the east of Port of Portland's Marine Terminal 6. The proposed project poses too much environmental risk both locally and globally. Locally, this facility would see the delivery of about 1.5 MILLION gallons of propane daily. The proposed tanks will hold 33 million gallons of super cooled propane. And the company may want to double the capacity at this site. That will use a tremendous amount of energy. This is at a time when science knows that fossil fuel is forever changing our climate. Changing the zoning for the area to accommodate a foreign company's request (and dollars) so they may sell their fracked fuel to Asia seems totally inappropriate. Perhaps Pembina should look to a Canadian port to export their product.

Safety is another serious issue. The potential for accidents and explosions must be addressed. We have difficulty shipping coal by rail safely. Propane is even more dangerous. Living in North Portland, this matters very personally to me. What impact would an accident have to resident's and businesses in St. John's and other areas of North Portland? What route will the trains take? What emergency procedures are being studied to assure residents of their safety? If there is an explosion, what is the blast size? Exactly what exposure do residents face?

There are general health and well being questions, too. How much pollution will be generated from this plant and the daily trains to the plant? What impact will this have on traffic, on kayaking, on wet lands? I understand that revenue to the city is important, but this is not the way to raise funds. Although there may be some permanent jobs, they are too few to take this large a risk.

Encouraging the use of fossil fuels anywhere is irresponsible. We are exposed to studies every day discussing the dangers of fossil fuels and climate change. Rather than contribute to the problem of global warming, let's reject this proposal.

I urge you to reject the Pembina request.

Thank you,

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