

Hello, Planning & Sustainability Commission -

Please consider this my written testimony for the hearing today on the proposed Pembina propane facility at Terminal. I urge you to deny their request to amend the environmental zone overlay.

I feel this sets a dangerous precedent to allow changes to an environmental zone overlay. This overlay is in place to provide critical protection to sensitive natural areas and should not be weakened.

- Neither Pembina nor the Port has analyzed the environmental risks associated with this facility or the transport of propane along the Columbia River by boat and rail. Has Portland Fire & Rescue or Portland Office of Emergency Management been consulted with? How will emergencies be handled or planned for? What are the risks to the Columbia Slough, Hayden Island, Smith & Bybee Lakes, and so on.
- Any decision by the City of Portland to amend its environmental zones to allow this facility should be informed by the potential environmental impacts of an explosion. As a resident of the Woodlawn neighborhood (bordered by MLK/Ainsworth/NE 22nd/Lombard), we are directly impacted by the large number of freight trains using the lines to the north of us. We are very concerned about any increase in flammable, explosive materials being transported so close to a residential neighborhood (as well as several elementary schools).
- Portland needs to seriously consider whether it wants its limited industrial lands to be used as a gateway for global energy exports. We have been recognized as a leader on climate change, so we must act as one on this issue.

Thank you your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

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