

I attended a meeting Monday evening of the St Johns Neighborhood Association. I am a former board member of SJNA. Now, I attend meetings infrequently because of, I confess, lack of interest on my part. Several community members had called my attention to this meeting that it would be very interesting. They were correct.

The issue of locating the Pembina Export Terminal was presented fairly and informative. As a former full-time RV'er who used propane for heating and cooking I admit I am a bit prejudice. At several stays in my journey I was lucky enough to obtain a 100 gal propane tank for my long term use. I never considered an explosion or a leak. The only concerns were the people nearby who had bar-b-q's hooked to small tanks. (Their fires and explosions were minor but exciting.) I listened to Chris Fountain, who lives in a houseboat near Terminal 6, and Brook Berglund, an employee of Port of Portland, who presented their views to me after the meeting. I've know both of them for years and respect their opinions. Brook said the Port was in favor of this Pembina terminal while the Port had been against both the coal and the oil terminals on Port land. While Brook lives in Happy Valley, Chris lives on the river in St. Johns and is in the "blast zone."

While the people from Pembina were well informed and presented their side well. . as a life long resident of St Johns, on the edge of the thermal blast range, I am asking for more study on the condition of the rail access and the tanks safe storage capacity.

Basically, 40-50 full-time permanent jobs are not worth having St. Johns turned into an area of "crispy critters."

Sincerely,

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