

The proposal to transport Propane through Portland to be shipped should be rejected for many reasons. Propane is an insidious invisible explosive gas that is heavier than air. This quality makes it difficult to detect because it pools on the floor and flows like gasoline. It can inundate an area without people being aware of it's presence. Propane gas can be set off by a spark from a light switch or static electricity and explode spontaneously creating mass destruction and possibly loss of life in the area along with massive fires.

Propane can be mechanically detected by electronic sniffer detectors. The sniffers need power and in the event of a power failure either AC or DC they become inoperable which leaves a wide margin of human error.

This Pembina terminal will provide relatively few sustainable jobs in our area. The main jobs will be temporary for construction and retrofitting. When these jobs are gone the danger remains and the danger to the residents and businesses and industry in the blast area remains.

As a former Lane County Planning Commissioner I cannot see how you, in good conscience, can recommend passage of this proposal to the city commission.

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