

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to urge you to NOT approve the proposed Pembina Propane export terminal. This would be a grave mistake for the city of Portland and all surrounding areas. The propane, which is a byproduct of hydraulic fracking in Canada's Sedimentary Basin, would arrive in Portland on mile-long unit trains and then be exported to China on ships. The energy required to power the propane facility would account for 0.7% of Portland's CO2 emissions, and the propane shipped to China could account for as much as 0.01% of global CO2 emissions. Our communities will be put at risk by not only the huge blast zone surrounding the facility but also by a huge increase in explosive propane moving through the Portland area by boat and rail. Pembina's application fails to even address the hazards posed by huge quantities of explosive propane moving through our communities by rail and ship. The Planning and Sustainability Commission should say "no" to Pembina because some of the biggest threats to our communities go unaddressed in the application. The financial and health costs of such a disaster will undoubtedly be born by the local population.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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