

To: Members of the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
Re: Proposed Pembina Propane Export Terminal

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed port terminal. Here are my reasons:

1. It endangers our local population. Safeguards can be put in place to avoid accidents, but there can be no guarantees. Train car derailments cannot be guaranteed never to happen again. The blast range of storage tanks if they explode ... can Pembina prevent the explosions that could be triggered by our next large earthquake or other event beyond the company's control?
2. It endangers our local environment. If there are spills, contamination could cause great damage to water, soil and air.
3. It endangers our world population. Scientists not employed by fossil fuel companies agree that continued carbon emissions will cause us to surpass an agreed-upon maximum 2 degrees Celsius temperature increase and that we can expect even more severe storms, drought, flooding and hardship than we have seen already. It is still currently an option to leave 4/5s of known fossil fuel reserves in the ground and create new jobs by transitioning to renewable sources of power like wind and wave. It can be done; it is a matter of priorities. Portland could be a model of what is possible for all of Oregon, for the country, for the world.
4. It is not a good source of new jobs in Portland in the long run. Even if it were, no amount of money coming into Portland would be worth the risks entailed by the terminal and its propane. The liabilities far outweigh any benefits.
5. If we give this contract to Pembina, we are sending the message to our children and grandchildren that they are worth less than profits.

The terminal is unacceptable for all these reasons. Common on, Planning and Sustainability people, choose life! Choose sustainability!

Thank you,
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