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Relaxing environmental protection and protections of the public in order to allow the Pembina Propane Terminal would be harmful, potentially catastrophic, for Portland and the world. But it must be kept in mind that the long term effects of code changes and the precedent of this development may be even more harmful. Any carelessness, rushing or favoritism toward well-financed developers *now* can set in motion the engine of Portland's destruction *later*.

Some have claimed that this project represents jobs, growth and development for Portland - by which they mean we can join in the profit-taking by the propane company, and set ourselves up to join other companies in the future.

This claim is false. There are no honorable jobs; no growth, no development possible because this project and its expansions have no future. In fact, such projects deny the future. -- If a *small* success is a giant trainload of explosive fuel delivered along our waterways and through our communities *every once in a while* to be transferred by pipe, treated, stored on the banks of the Columbia, then poured into gigantic tankers to risk disaster at sea crossing the Pacific, and then burned to release massive quantities of carbon into the atmosphere -- then a *great* success will be *many* giant trainloads *every week and every day*. And so success can be defined, not just by Pembina's profits, but by the multiplication of the harms at every step of the project. Such success represents a failure for the people and a failure for the earth. It makes the jobs dishonorable and anti-social, the growth a growth of contamination and the development a destruction of our community. Success of this project is a denial of a future for our land, our community and our children.

If you wish to serve the interests of Portland, you must serve the future. We want Portland, its people and its living environment to have a future. Stop this project now.
