



Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs

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Mr. Andre Baugh, Chair
Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100
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Dear Chair Baugh and Commissioners:

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, OAME, supports adoption of the code amendment to the City of Portland environmental overlay zone as it affects the proposed Pembina propane export facility at the Port of Portland's Terminal 6.

OAME is an organization dedicated to expanding opportunities for minority, women and emerging small business and entrepreneurs. One way opportunities are expanded is through significant new capital investments in our community. The proposed Pembina facility involves a \$500 million investment, at least half of which will be spent in Portland for goods, services and labor.

Pembina has been clear and convincing in its commitments to rely on a local, diverse workforce and on local small businesses, including minority, women, and emerging small businesses. Pembina officials sought us out to consult about their project and seek our views. We appreciate that approach, which signals how the company will operate in our community.

As we understand it, this project is still in its design phase and has yet to begin a rigorous review and permitting process. The code amendment that would enable Pembina to use an elevated pipe to cross the environmental overlay zone to load propane on a ship is a straightforward, reasonable action. Approving this essentially housecleaning amendment is a good first step.

Cordially,

Samuel Brooks, COB