

Mayor Hales, City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Multnomah County, and Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission:

Please add propane to the list of dirty fuels covered by the draft Climate Action Plan's fossil fuel export policy. I applaud the city of Portland and Multnomah County for taking the first step towards opposing coal and oil export regionally and statewide. But there is a new threat to our city and our climate: propane export.

Exporting propane from the city of Portland poses many of the same problems as exporting oil and coal. Dirty fracking and dangerous rail shipping operations threaten communities across the western United States and Canada. Propane is explosive, posing a serious threat to Portland citizens. The “security zones” around propane tanker ships could cause delay and disruption at the Port of Portland and for other river users.

Burning propane releases CO₂ into our atmosphere causing climate change, just like burning coal or oil. For all of the same good reasons that Portland stands ready to oppose oil and coal, it should oppose propane export.

Pembina’s project is too dangerous for our city, our river and our climate. It is inconsistent with the carbon reduction goals and fossil fuel export policy outlined in the draft Climate Action Plan. I urge the Planning and Sustainability Commission to reject the code amendment to Portland’s Conservation Habitat Zone for Pembina’s propane export terminal.

Thank you,

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