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I'm a resident of Portland and I also volunteer with the PDX NAACP EJ Committee. The findings of the recent report commissioned by the City and County point to a pending disaster comparable to Deep Water Horizon or Fukushima should this area be hit by natural disaster or an extreme weather event. Multiple factors illustrate the immense risk involved: the quantity of fossil fuels stored in this location (including fossil fuels which are eventually destined for use outside of Oregon), the age of the tanks, nearby frontline communities and natural resources which would be immediately devastated by an event of this scale. It's imperative that emergency response plans and drills are routinely examined and practiced that address the risks associated with all materials and hazardous sites stored along this hub and their impacts on frontline communities and natural areas. Increasing the setback from residential areas (to 3,500 ft or more) and only housing fuels intended for use in Oregon are also critical points to need to be addressed.