

April 16, 2024

Dear Governor Kotek, DEQ Director Feldon, Members of the Portland City Council, Members of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, Members of the Metro Council, Members of the Oregon Legislature, and Members of the Oregon Federal Delegation,

Based on the findings of the City of Portland and Multnomah County funded [CEI Hub Seismic Risk Analysis](#), it is clear that the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub poses serious health, safety, cultural, social justice, economic and environmental risks to every Portland neighborhood and the entire Pacific Northwest region.

The 2022 Legislative action that passed [Senate Bill 1567](#) addressing the potential dangers associated with the CEI Hub is a commendable first step, but not enough.

We, the undersigned Portland Neighborhood Associations and other organizations therefore support the following actions:

1. Through ongoing and widespread media campaigns, local (city, county), regional, and state officials must educate and alert the people of the greater Portland-area to the dangers of the CEI Hub.
2. Local and state government agencies must take immediate action to monitor and remediate the cumulative pollution associated with the operations of the CEI Hub.
3. Local and state governments must immediately coordinate to develop a new plan for Oregon's fuel storage. All communities must have opportunities to participate in this process. Environmental justice is at the heart of this demand.
4. Local and state governments must require companies who operate within the CEI Hub to assume full financial responsibility for addressing potential disaster prevention, emergency services, clean-up and restoration.
5. The Oregon legislature must work to craft legislation that requires companies to regularly update local officials and emergency responders as to the types of fossil, bio-energy fuels, petro-chemicals and toxins that are stored and transported to and from the CEI Hub.
6. City and State agencies must monitor Zenith Energy's transport and storage of fossil fuels and substantiate with peer-reviewed research the environmental, public health, safety, and economic advantages of their transition away from crude oil to other fuels. (In their Oct. 2022 Land Use Compatibility Statement, the city made an agreement with Zenith Energy to stop transloading crude oil in 5 years.)

We are all just one earthquake, one train derailment or one human error away from tragedy. Our elected and appointed representatives have the responsibility to protect the health and safety of the entire region. Please provide us with a timely response to all of these concerns.

Sincerely,

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Buckman Neighborhood Association  
Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association  
Collins View Neighborhood Association  
Concordia Neighborhood Association  
Crestwood Neighborhood Association  
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Downtown Portland Neighborhood Association  
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Kerns Neighborhood Association  
Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association  
Linnton Neighborhood Association  
Lloyd EcoDistrict  
Maplewood Neighborhood Association  
Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood Association  
Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association  
Multnomah Neighborhood Association  
Overlook Neighborhood Association  
Pearl District Neighborhood Association  
Piedmont Neighborhood Association  
Portsmouth Neighborhood Association  
Rose City Park Neighborhood Association  
Roseway Neighborhood Association  
Sabin Neighborhood Association  
Sauvie Island Community Association  
SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition  
SMILE (Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League)  
South Burlingame Neighborhood Association  
St. John's Neighborhood Association  
Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association  
Sunnyside Neighborhood Association  
University Park Neighborhood Association Board  
Vernon Neighborhood Association  
Woodlawn Neighborhood Association  
Woodstock Neighborhood Association

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    Forest Park-South  
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MCAT (Metro Climate Action Team)  
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Oregon Conservancy Foundation  
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