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I am sending this to let you know it isn't just residents of the PIR immediate area who are concerned about this, nor just newcomers to the area as some seem to think. I have lived in Portland for over 35 years, 30 years in the St. Johns area. I was dismayed to learn that leaded fuel is allowed at PIR. How can it be that toxics, banned for regular use by people using vehicles for work and family needs because of known harmful effects, are allowed for entertainment purposes? And, how can it be that this is allowed in the near vicinity of neighborhoods? I am concerned for the health of individuals - especially the vulnerable - the health of our community, the health of the environment. We as a city know better than this, we need to do better. This to me, is in the category of the least we can do, regarding what should be the priority of the care for city residents, particularly vulnerable children and elderly, and the crisis that is climate change.