

HAZARDS OF LEADED FUEL

PROBLEM

Leaded fuel used at race tracks emits harmful pollutants, including airborne lead, which negatively impacts public health and educational outcomes. Research shows living near a raceway like Portland International Raceway can increase elderly mortality and reduces children's academic performance. Despite being banned on highways, leaded fuel remains legal at racetracks, exposing Portlanders to preventable harm. Current regulations do not sufficiently address this issue, leaving vulnerable populations exposed to toxic emissions.

IMPACT ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT

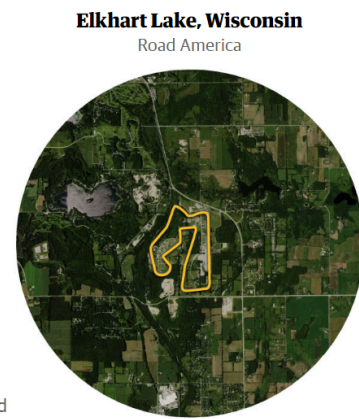
- Lead exposure near racetracks causes up to **10% drops in children's test scores by third grade.**
- Effects can **extend 25 miles** from the source
- Living near a leaded raceway **increases elderly mortality and reduces children's educational outcomes.**

ONLY RACEWAY NEAR NEIGHBORHOODS

Unlike other racetracks that allow leaded gas, Portland International Raceway is **located next to a densely populated neighborhood** in North Portland.

SOLUTION: HB 2738-2

This bill prohibits the use of leaded fuel in racing vehicles at race tracks located in cities with populations of 500,000 or more. It mandates that race track owners and operators enforce the ban, ensuring compliance and preventing unauthorized use of leaded fuel. **Allows for a phase out of races with leaded gas until January 1, 2029.** This gives PIR time to find alternative events that will replace the revenue lost from these races.



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