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I live about a mile from the Northwest "Natural" Gas plant in SE Portland. As soon as it is feasible in my situation, I will switch to electrification for heat, hot water, and cooking. In the meantime, it galls me that we neighbors were not notified of this blending experiment. I am not persuaded that the risks of hydrogen transportation, leakage, storage, and the blending process are worth the small reduction in methane emissions that may be achieved. We know that the natural gas industry has been prone to greenwashing the damages of methane to the environment and specifically the need to reduce dependence on fossil fuels for the sake of the climate. The least that Northwest Natural Gas should be doing is informing the public about their "experimentation" with a highly explosive fuel. They should be required to hold a public hearing before such experimentation. And they should be reducing methane emissions from their plant in our neighborhood of Brooklyn. I strongly support this bill. Thank you for your consideration.