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I am opposed to banning leaded fuel at Portland International Raceway. Where is the Scientific Study on leaded fuel in the area? There isn't one. And, I'm sure you know that PIR is in an industrial area, and how much does that air quality affect the neighborhood?

Portland International Raceway (PIR) allows the use of leaded race fuel at their events. Leaded race gasoline is legal for use in all 50 states in off-road conditions. Currently, PIR no longer sells leaded fuel on-site though it does allow for the usage of it.

To date: data from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) are inconsistent with claims related to negative affects of leaded gasoline at PIR. I am confident you have the reports. Please don't ignore them.

DEQ stated in the report: "The results of this modeling showed that levels of lead reaching the community were below levels that would be expected to harm health..."

OHA stated: "The results of this modeling showed that levels of lead reaching the community were below levels that would be expected to harm health..."

PIR surveyed both program participants and stakeholders, it was found that implementation of banning leaded fuel on-site would result in substantial programmatic and budgetary impact to PIR. PIR is an Enterprise fund with a \$2million+ operating budget. Based on survey feedback, programmatic revenue impacts may reach over \$600,000. This level of lost revenue would render the Portland International Raceway insolvent!

There are no remaining existing motorsports events that could mitigate that level of financial loss and the loss would likely be permanent. The aforementioned lost revenue roughly equals the revenue from PIRs three major events. PIR has events that are televised worldwide and has an enormous following which contributes to monies coming into the City of Portland through hotels, restaurants, etc... Since PIR is an enterprise entity, that would mean PIR would have to be funded by the City and the City is already looking at a huge multi-million dollar deficit for 2025.

When racers are forced to modify their equipment, (at great cost), to accommodate a particular track, they often seek out an alternative track. Currently, there are three

road-race tracks that operate within 2 hours of Portland International Raceway and they will benefit economically and reputationally, should PIR ban leaded race fuel.

Our family has been involved in drag racing since the 60's, and I also worked for NHRA for years running and putting on safe shows and racing. Drag racers are an amazing group of people. They are generous with their time and will help anyone that needs it, even if they are competing against that driver. I can't say the same for the street car drivers (I will not call them racers, because they are not) who continually break laws and where people get hurt. We don't want more on the streets of Portland or anywhere where they can do damage or hurt anyone. I do not know of any lifelong racers that have had any health or mental issues from leaded fuel.

Plus... there has not ever been a Scientific Study on any leaded fuel in the area. I'm sure you know that PIR is in an industrial area, and how much does that air quality affect the neighborhood?

Keep the racers at PIR, Keep the money in the city. Give racers a safe place to race. Keep the street fools off the streets.

Thank you,
Gwendolyn Oakley