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The threat of lead contamination for North Portland is not coming from Portland International Raceway. Only a few of the many vehicles using the facility rely on leaded fuels, which is allowed and permissible for off-road vehicles.

The lead hot spots in North Portland are generally created by improper demolition of buildings, which are filled with lead paint.

The track, on the other hand, has little to no impact, as previous studies have shown. There are no trackside hot spots, there is no lead in the neighborhood coming from the track. The article listed on the poster from the bill sponsor was replete with errors. This legislation is driven primarily by a small handful of Kenton residents who have spent literally the last 30 years doing everything they can to shutter the track. If they really were concerned about lead in their neighborhood they should be going after rules around demolition of older homes, commercial and private aircraft, the railroads and heavy trucks.

Directed legislation at a small group of users should not be the goal. If the bill went after ALL lead in fuels statewide would be worth having a discussion with the federal government. This legislation is simply directed at punishing a specific site based for engaging in legal activity. It should not have be brought forward, it should not get a vote, it should not pass.