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I am a registered nurse that works at Oregon Poison Control, and has experience working with lead exposures, and this idea that was presented as a reason to eliminate leaded gas, and trying to draw a conclusion that this would be a source of exposure in surrounding neighborhoods is a bit far fetched considering how far that lead would have to travel to expose someone, the amount of lead in the gas that would have to travel to cause exposure, and the fact the neighborhood didn't actually conduct a scientific study that supports this conclusion. There have not been any whole.blood lead levels in this population during the time frame, and there are many different reasons for lower test scores, including poverty, and this area is lower income, which also has correlation to lower test scores. There are many holes in the argument to get rid of leaded gas at PIR, and the track does not deserve to suffer consequences of something there is no proof they caused, or will cause, if they are allowed to continue supporting the groups that are responsibly using our community resource, and the community that the track serves.

Thank you.