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Simply put, there is no evidence that the extremely limited use of leaded fuel at PIR (and other racetracks around the country in similar and larger cities) has a negative effect on public health in the area.

The grounds and surrounding areas have been consistently tested and shown to be well below safety thresholds set forth by the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division, as well as national organizations. The OR DEQ's own ambient air quality monitors indicate that PIR is not having an impact on North Portland's ability to meet local and city wide air quality standards.

The use of leaded fuel at PIR is almost exclusively limited to, and necessary for racing historical cars. It is not the primary fuel type for most racing events at PIR.

I firmly believe this measure is not about public health, but rather is being advanced by local residents concerned about noise. This small number of people chose to live near a race track AND a major international airport, the latter of which has been proven to be far more harmful to their health. I too live near the airport, and am not blaming anyone else for my decision.