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Please support and pass HB3450. It is long past time to transition liquid fuel storage away from the CEI Hub. It is not that the CEI hub is a bad place to store dangerous, flammable liquids, it is the worst place. Storing these fuels on a liquefaction zone, next to and on a major river, in a metropolitan area, is truly foolish, and criminally short sighted. I have friends who live near the CEI hub and they are terrified. They are told that the emergency plan for the big earthquake when, not if, it hits, is go into your bathroom and seal it up till help comes. But help will not come for weeks or months. Not a great plan.

I have spent time at the CEI hub and it is truly shocking to think of the destruction that will occur when the earthquake hits. In one of the commissioned reports the expected damage when the earthquake hits will be on the order of Deep Water Horizon or worse, but in a City! Next to a forest! One expert stated that we would no longer have to worry about endangered salmon in the area because they will all be dead. The river itself will be dead in that area. The people who depend on the living river for their livelihoods will be devastated. This includes many tribal peoples who depend on the living river for food, economic survival and spiritual traditions. They have treaty rights to fish the river, which is impossible when it is dead.

Even before the earthquake hits, this is a hazard. Accidents happen, spills occur.

Then there is the added fire danger next to Forest Park.

While the tanks need to be upgraded, and some decommissioned now, they all need to be relocated over time. Less time rather more would be better.

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