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As things stand, the CEI hub is a disaster waiting to happen. Remember the catastrophes in Bhopal (1984) and Beirut (2020).

Inadequately monitored processing of toxic chemicals resulted in the leak of tons of methyl isocyanate (MIC), poisoning more than half a million people in Bhopal.

In Beirut, the unregulated storage of enormous quantities of ammonium nitrate (fertilizer) culminated in the largest non-nuclear explosion in modern history. The risk was known but bureaucratic paralysis prevented any significant risk mitigation.

Here we now know about: 1) the overdue earthquake, 2) the instability of the ground on which the CEI hub tanks stand, and 3) the seismic vulnerability of these tanks. Do not be a party to a bureaucratic failure to address this known threat. Promote a transition plan for the CEI hub.