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A natural disaster IS coming. It is one that will cause a life and death threat for 20,000 residents and workers. This disaster will be compounded because the state has made vulnerable the north peninsula of Portland due to storing 90% of the fuel for the whole state at the CEI Hub less than a mile away! After the quake we will have no route from which to escape or have ingress to procure food, or to receive medical help.

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IF WE DO NOT MITIGATE THE DANGER, OREGON WILL FACE A SITUATION THAT WILL DWARF THAT OF THE HORRORS OF THE SUPERDOME AFTER KATRINA. We must have an emergency route!

I am very worried, as a resident of "The Penninsula" that in the case of a dire emergency:

- Families will be separated
- No emergency vehicles can come in/out
- No medical help will arrive
- No food resupply

We can prevent a worst-case scenario - a toxic cloud comes from the CEI Hub, upon which -WE WILL BE TRAPPED!

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This is a STATE issue and an issue of environmental justice. We live under the threat of the CEI Hub, which holds 90% of the fuel for the whole state of Oregon - and we need to ensure we mediate these risks now!

Thank you for your support.

Best Regards,  
Lianne Mitchell