

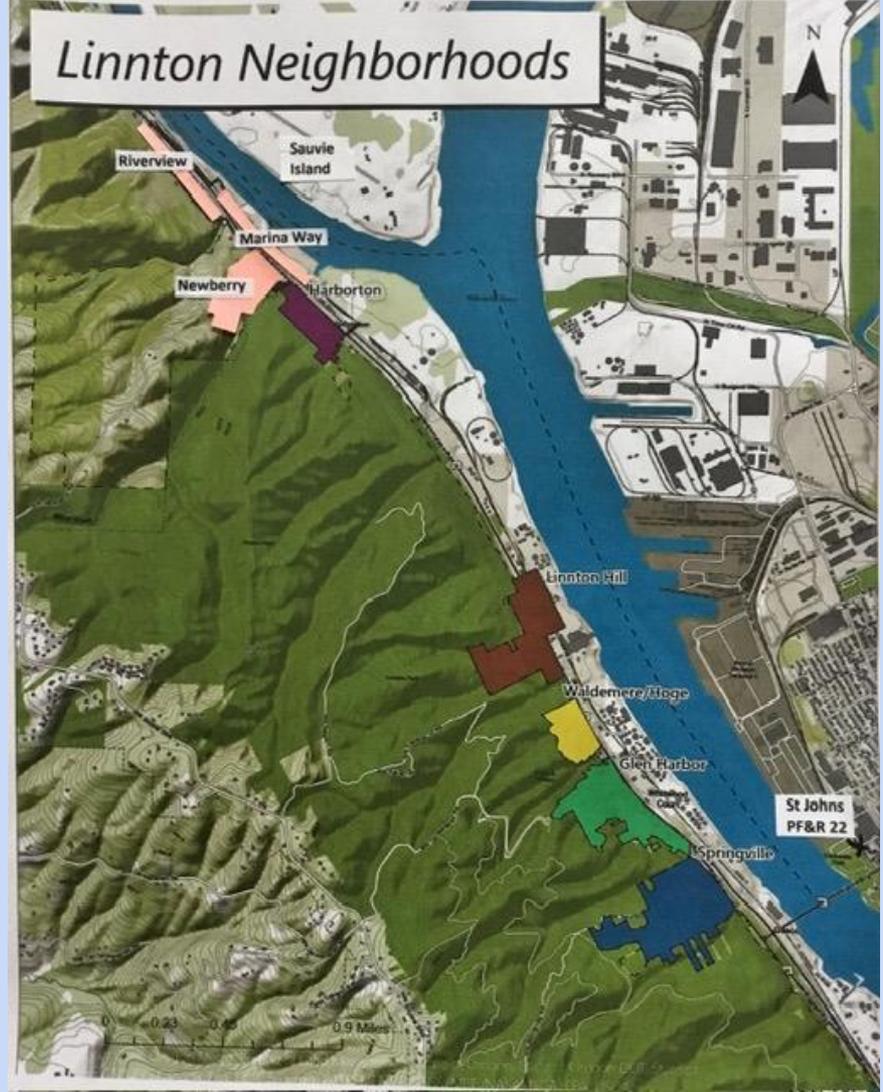
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Testimony to Oregon House Committee on Emergency
Management, General Government, and Veterans

February 27, 2025



Eight unique
color-coded
neighborhoods,
separated by forest
and ravines





As Neighborhood Emergency Volunteers, we identified the CEI Hub as our community's greatest threat – liquid fuel in aging tanks on liquefiable soil.



“The total potential releases from the materials stored in tanks at the CEI Hub range from 94.6 million to 193.7 million gallons.”



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CAN YOU IMAGINE A FIRE HERE ?

Tanks—Proximity to Forest Park and Residences



Summer 2024: A 3-Alarm Fire 20 Feet From These Tanks



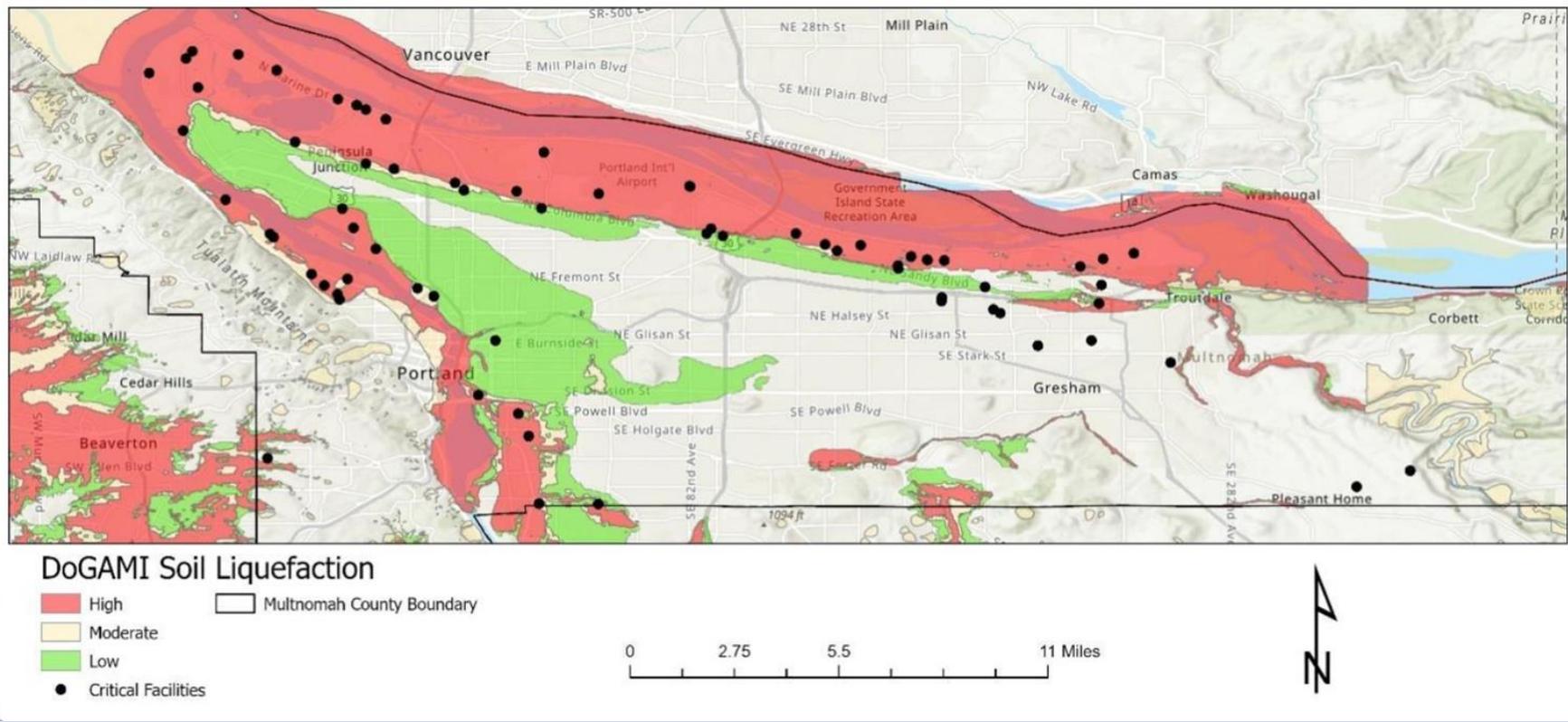


Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Storage





Figure 2: Multnomah County Top 70 Tier II Facilities Overlaid on DOGAMI (2018) Liquefaction Map for Dry Soil Conditions.



Tier II: any regulated US facility that stores or handles more than 10,000 pounds of hazardous chemicals.

Non-Seismic Catastrophic Risks

- Floods
- Lightning Strikes
- Railcar Derailments



Lots of Progress! More is Needed!

- Sen. Michael **Dembrow's** 2022 SB1567 created **DEQ** regulatory program on fuel terminals
- PDX fuel terminal: soon all new tanks



Fuel Tank Seismic Stability Program Report to Legislature

Submitted to: Oregon Legislature

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REQUEST TO PASS THESE BILLS OUT OF COMMITTEE

HB 3450 - Develops an energy storage transition plan for the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub. Reduces dangers at the CEI Hub. The state will engage and facilitate holistic planning among facilities and stakeholders as we transition from fossil fuels.

HB 2152 - Calls for development of diversified fueling stations for disaster response. All communities need fuel to be accessible for their needs.

HB 2151 - Expands the uses of monies in Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund to be used for earthquake preparedness and include fires and spills. Funds may be received from the federal government.

HB 2949 - Assesses risk bonding requirement to hold facilities financially accountable so damage costs do not fall to the state, taxpayers.

Q: CAN OREGON AFFORD TO ACT?

**A: Prevention is far less costly
than clean up and recovery.**

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today than tomorrow.**

Thank you for your work on emergency preparedness and community safety.

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