

Dear Committee members: Sea-3 is sending an electronic petition around, and I am re-wording their formatted letter to express my concerns.

I strongly urge the Site Evaluation Committee to refuse the Sea-3 Inc. exemption request. As a resident of New Hampshire, I am not convinced that allowing Sea-3 to upgrade its railcar offloading capacity in Newington as soon as possible would benefit the more than 77,000 New Hampshire homes and businesses that rely on propane. I feel it's being brought to Portsmouth with the potential to be exported at a profit, not simply only to serve the people of NH.

Supposedly New Hampshire needs the propane. So why is it coming to Portsmouth??? That's where it can and will be exported from, not just distributed to trucks. SO the cheapest way to bring it in is by rail, and it's coming by rail regardless of the fate of the Sea-3 proposal, according to Sea-3?? The "best" and cheapest way is not the safest. It's the best way for Sea-3. They tell us that without the Sea-3 upgrade, the propane will simply be taken off the trains and pumped into trucks at temporary rail sidings - "a method that is nowhere near as efficient, safe or secure as offloading it at a permanent storage and terminal facility like Sea-3." Is that supposed to make us feel better about the cars coming through our little towns on old tracks? Well, not a thing has been done at any of the rail intersections near where I live to make them safer and compliant with the rules of transporting propane through neighborhoods. We can't see the required distance of 105 feet, as nothing has been cleared in the 30 years I've lived here. If a train becomes disabled and straddles Great Bay, Bayside and Dearborn, certainly a possibility given the length of these trains, it would be impossible for emergency vehicles to get to us. The same is true near the Discovery Center, and Bayshore Drive. I don't want propane of any amount coming through our neighborhood, let alone increased traffic for Sea-3

I join a "small" group of opponents in Portsmouth who own homes along the existing Pan Am Railways tracks and continue our "Not In My Backyard" (NIMBY) opposition, as I have lived here 30 years and now have a huge increase in the train traffic in a short period of

time. Even though the independent Safety Study they demanded has now been completed, I have not seen a report.

Some of those train runs are happening at 2 and 3 in the morning, having to blare their horns at every intersection, 3 different intersections within earshot at my house. I am not convinced that transport by rail is safest, not at 2 or 3 in the morning- how can the operators be alert at that hour? -and it certainly is disruptive. I do hope you will respond to the Sea-3 application with a negative vote.

And considering this email is also going to the Committee via Sea-3, I bet they include my name on their petition as a supporter, and won't forward my concerns.

I appreciate your attention.

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