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Please consider this testimony in opposition to the NXT railroad installation under consideration.

The Commission should stop rail operations for NXT

The Commissioners would not eat breakfast next to an open bowl of decaying pork fat, nor a bowl of kerosene.

The risks are too high.

Keep poisons away from food!

That soil, if not poisoned, can easily support agriculture, but may not be stable enough to support this new volume of trains.

The original proposal, approved in a truncated process due to governmental response to covid, did not include the rail transport of toxins, much less potentially upwards of 600 railcars per week blocking emergency traffic.

The (now 2?) rails being stretched across the edge of land that drains to the water source for farm land represent a potential for harm that was specifically avoided in the original consideration.

A containment separating this threat from what ever agriculture that land might be used for is a cliché of the mitigations that get overwhelmed, and if the incident is even reported, becomes an inadequate insurance payout and poisoned land and water that is minimally 'cleaned'.

I have heard rumors of studies of levies having shortened in height, and in our seismic subduction zone, disturbance and liquefaction are exacerbated with poisons.

A 'NO' vote from you avoids this whole circumstance.

As for JOBS:

The many construction workers that were lured to testify last month want to build a poison factory on our county's farm land and river. Then those workers leave and we have a poison factory. A few local kids become secretaries and janitors.

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