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Case File T3-2022-16220 Comments (Portland Water Bureau Water Filtration Facility & Pipelines)

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Dear Land Use Planning Division,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed water filtration site in the vicinity of my residence. As a concerned citizen, I strongly believe that this development would be incompatible with the existing land use regulations in Multnomah County, particularly the Rural Residential MCC 39.4355, Exclusive Farm Use MCC 39.4215, and Significant Environmental Concern MCC 39.5510.

According to the Rural Residential MCC 39.4355, the area in question is intended for low-density residential development, which is characterized by large lot sizes and a rural ambiance. The proposed water filtration site, however, would introduce industrial-scale development into a peaceful residential area, which would have a significant impact on the character and quality of life of the community.

Moreover, the Exclusive Farm Use MCC 39.4215 clearly states that the area is designated for agricultural purposes and discourages any non-farm uses, including industrial or commercial development. The proposed water filtration site would, therefore, be in violation of this code, as it does not support the primary agricultural use of the land.

Additionally, the Significant Environmental Concern MCC 39.5510 highlights the need to protect sensitive natural areas, including wetlands, streams, and wildlife habitats. The proposed water filtration site would be located in close proximity to several sensitive environmental areas, which would have an adverse impact on the natural habitat, biodiversity, and ecological balance of the region.

1. Land-use changes: Building the water filtration site requires clearing natural areas, which can lead to habitat loss and fragmentation. This can disrupt the movement and breeding patterns of the existing wildlife and reduce the amount of available food and shelter.
2. Pollution: The water filtration site will generate pollution through the use of chemicals and the disposal of waste materials, such as filter media. Based on documents from the PWB, typical granular media water treatment plants of this size and type can be expected to use over 16,000,000 pounds of chemicals, generate thousands of cubic yards of waste and result in unnecessarily adding CO2 and diesel emissions into our atmosphere. This pollution poses harm to the wildlife, as well as to the soil and vegetation in the surrounding areas.
3. Noise and vibration: The construction and operation of the water filtration site will generate noise and vibration that can disrupt wildlife behavior and communication.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposal for the water filtration site and abide by the Multnomah County land use regulations. I strongly believe that this development is not consistent with the Rural Residential MCC 39.4355, Exclusive Farm Use MCC 39.4215, and Significant Environmental Concern MCC 39.5510, and would have negative consequences on the community and the environment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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