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I am for the proposed legislation of LD1507 whereby owners or operators of oil terminal facilities develop and implement a plan for electronic notification and fence line signage for the communities in the municipality where the oil terminal facility is located when transfers occur.

Benzine is a highly flammable VOC liquid naturally found in crude oil. The vapor is heavier than air so does not disperse easily. Benzene is HIGHLY carcinogenic! The World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Agency on Cancer state that there is NO SAFE LEVEL of Benzene exposure. Benzene causes Leukemia and serious respiratory problems. My family have experienced negative health impacts. It is a human right for us to know about potential exposures in advance! Whenever oil tankers offload, Benzine is released. AND, Benzene is only one of many, many harmful and hazardous air pollutants emitted from these facilities. Some of these problems would be minimized with a 1000' setback between tanks and new residential zones. We will always need to know when we are at greater risk. Give us this critical tool so we can better protect ourselves!!!