

Sea 3, a giant out-of-state corporation, wants to massively expand fossil fuel infrastructure in the Port of Providence. The company is [trying to use their political influence to skip the regular oversight process](#) and make a deal behind closed doors without community input.

The People’s Port Authority has been mobilizing to stop them. No new pollution in the port! **Here’s how you can help!**

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1. Sign the [petition](#) opposing the project. (🕒 ~30 seconds)

3. Submit a comment to the Energy Facility Siting Board — they decide if the project needs a full environmental review in order to be built. (🕒 ~2 minutes)

You can send an email by copying & paste below:

To: emma.rodvien@puc.ri.gov

Subj: Sea 3 LPG expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is _____ from _____ and I am submitting comments in favor of requiring a full review of the Sea 3 proposed Liquefied Propane Gas expansion.

I am calling on EFSB to do the following:

1. The Energy Facility Siting Board must determine that the Sea 3 Providence expansion is an “alteration to a major energy facility” and require a full application and review by the Board
2. The EFSB must extend the public comment period at least another 2 months
3. The EFSB must have the full review include cumulative health and safety impacts

This project, as an expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in a heavily overburdened, BIPOC community, without robust public engagement no less, requires this.

First, state law requires a full application and approval from the EFSB if the expansion is an “alteration” to the existing facility. According to Rhode Island General Law § 42-98-3(b), an “alteration” is “a significant modification to a major energy facility, which, as determined by the

board, will result in a significant impact on the environment, or the public health, safety, and welfare." Sea 3 is proposing the use of an additional lot, six new 90,000 gallon storage tanks, and connecting to the rail line. This new fossil fuel storage capacity and rail traffic, increased truck traffic, and all the associated noise and air pollution impacts, not to mention the risk of catastrophic accidents associated with more transportation of liquid propane gas, clearly demonstrate that this is a major alteration requiring a full review. Sea 3 denies it requires a full review but their application is self-contradictory. How can a facility that does not constitute an alteration of "an existing energy facility" be necessary "to meet the future demand for LPG in the region"?

Second, because the proposed expansion of this facility may result in a significant increase in diesel emissions within the Port area, which is already overburdened with polluting industrial activities and truck traffic, the potential growth in operations necessarily encourages and supports more use of fossil fuels. This is inconsistent with Rhode Island's long-term climate change goals and binding emissions reductions as well as Providence's Climate Justice Plan.

Third, by adding rail and the 6 new 90,000 gallon tanks, Sea 3 plans to increase the volume of LPG through the site by 400% per year. Because the proposal raises significant public safety concerns, it must be fully reviewed by the EFSB.

I urge the EFSB to require a full review of this fossil fuel expansion and to recognize the horrendous and disproportionate environmental impacts on the majority BIPOC local communities by greenlighting this project.

Thank you,
