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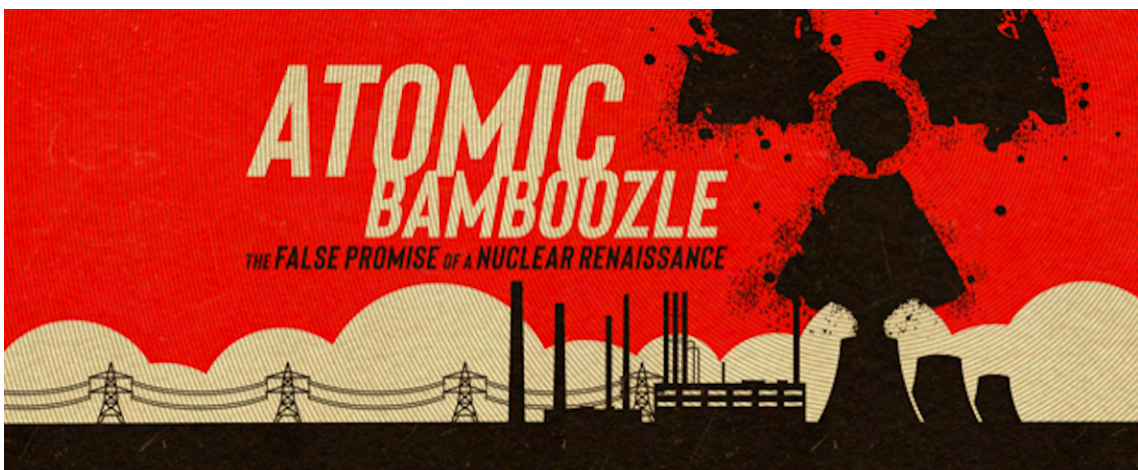
Dear Anna,



Image by Chris Paul Michel

[Peace, Security, and the Right to Self-Determination in the Middle East](#)

[Read](#) Oregon PSR's September 18, 2024 statement on the escalating crisis in the Middle East.



LAST DAY! Atomic Bamboozle Virtual Showing

Watch Jan Haakens groundbreaking documentary Atomic Bamboozle: The False Promise of a Nuclear Renaissance for **free** in the comfort of your own home.

About the film:

As political pressure mounts in the US to meet net zero carbon goals, the nuclear power industry makes its case for a nuclear “renaissance.” In this documentary by NECESSITY Director Jan Haaken follows activists as they expose the true costs of the new small nuclear reactor designs.

[Watch the film here.](#)



DEQ is Planning to Approve a Disaster for the Columbia River Estuary

Houston-based NEXT Renewables Oregon LLC proposes to construct and operate a massive refinery to produce, store, and transport liquid, toxic, flammable fuel in the Columbia River Estuary. This involves storing, processing, shipping, and producing millions of gallons of toxic material near wetlands and clean water vital to the community and the Estuary. The proposal includes miles of new rail tracks and millions of gallons of tank storage to accommodate long trains of unsustainable feedstocks and toxic fuel. The proposal would be one of the largest greenhouse gas polluters in Oregon while using unsustainable feedstocks from the Midwest.

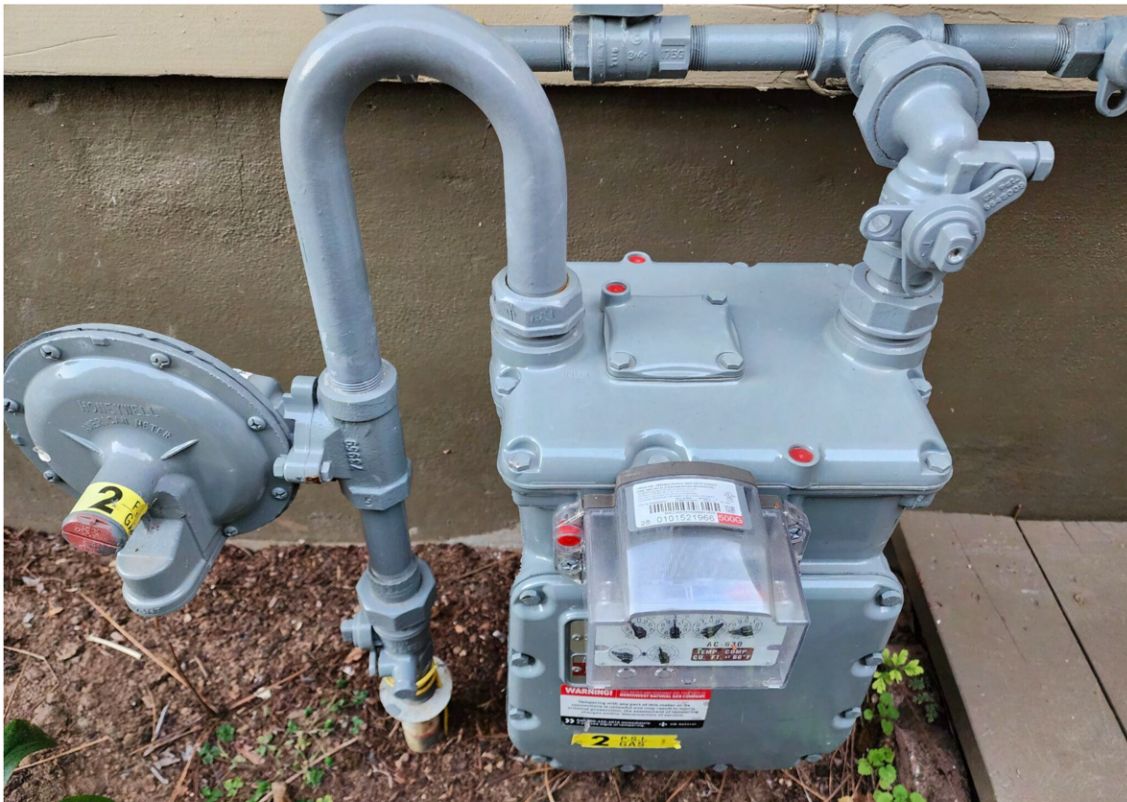
DEQ released the public notice for NEXT's draft Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification, [available here](#). DEQ proposes to authorize NEXT and its pollution. Yet, information that shows the project would harm the Estuary and community.

How you can take action:

- Join the Public hearing on October 8 at 6pm. Join virtually via Zoom Webinar: <https://ordeq.org/NEXT-401WQC-hearing>. (We will likely have 3 minutes to speak.)
- Send written comments to: Haley Teach, Oregon DEQ. 700 NE Multnomah St, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97232.
- Submit Comments Online: ordeq.org/ydo - you must register to comment to DEQ online.

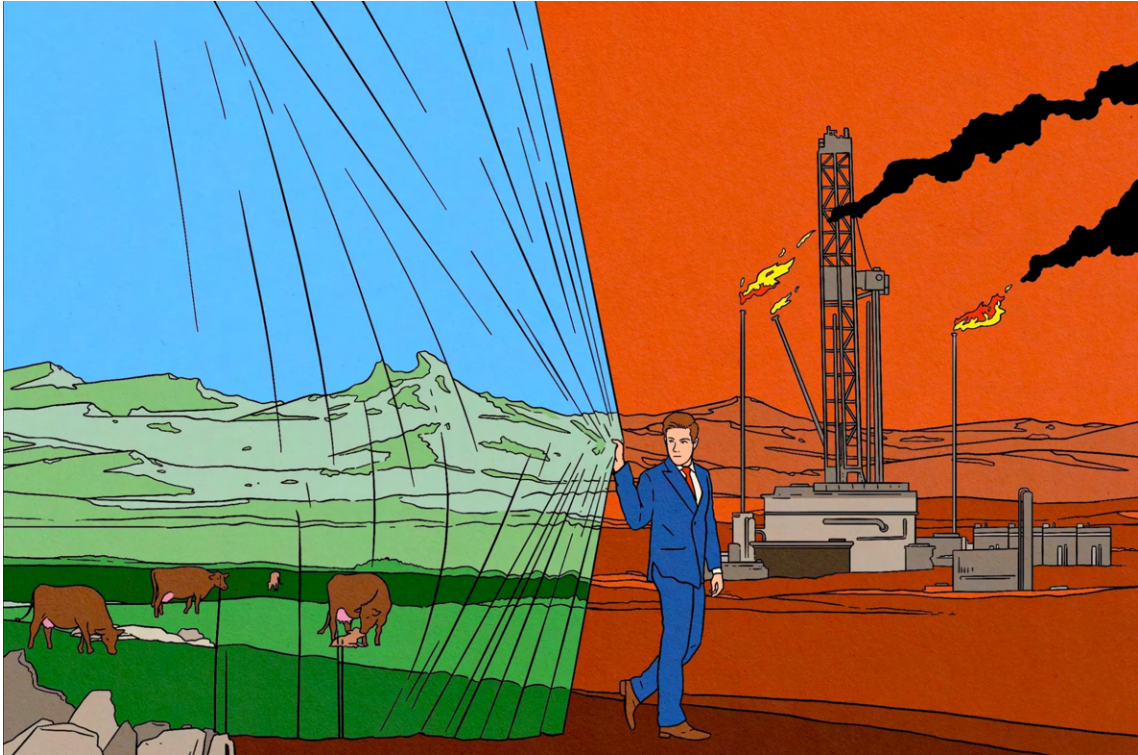
[View the comment guide here.](#)

In the News:



📷 NW Natural started adding hydrogen to natural gas for homes in southeast Portland without informing residents and despite any potential risks. (Lynne Terry/Oregon Capital Chronicle)

[NW Natural's lack of transparency around hydrogen blending project is troubling - Anna Reid for the Oregon Capital](#)



Simone Bailly, special for ProPublica

[**Oregon's Largest Natural Gas Company Said It Was Going Green. It Sells as Much Fossil Fuel as Before.**](#)



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