

Concerns from Land owners

Middle of dense residential neighborhood?

- In fact it is on the edge, and fortunately prevailing winds and gravity would move a leak harmlessly downhill, not towards a house. At the time of delivery with warming air. Any breach would vapor harmlessly.

Increased truck traffic?

- For every load Inter Island does, that's one less for the competitor up the hill.

8 and 5 Pm?

- Yes, deliveries all between 10 and 12 noon

Noisier bigger trucks?

- Longer yes, but doubles joint in the middle so no cutting corners like a conventional truck. Noisier...no way. The main truck is two years old, certified clean idle and extremely quiet, not like most older trucks. It has environmentally safe re-gen and DEF features. Not even any soot in the exhaust.

Increased insurance cost?

- I doubt it. Your homes are next to industrial zoning and are probably already insured accordingly. I have never heard of that happening yet.

Proximity to an airplane hangar with electric tools?

- Propane boils at -44 degrees and would be evaporated harmlessly before ever getting that far. Especially given the warmest time of the day to off load.
- It is very hard to light propane without the perfect oxygen ratios.

A driver pulling away and breaking off the hose to cause a breach.

- It can't happen with a properly installed tank with a shutoff break away.
- All trucks have a Dixie gate. The gate must be dropped to get the hose on or off. When the gate is dropped the brakes are automatically engaged until the hose is disconnected and the gate is put up.
- All bobtails loading will have brake interlocks. If the hose is attached, the brakes are on and you can't drive off with a hose.
- Transports also have smart hoses that collapse and seal off a breach if they were to burst.
- If this happened in the past it was with a very old truck that did not have interlocking hose and brake sensors. Make sure Inter Island has this feature for peace of mind.

Neighborhood, bikes, children, meeting cars?

- Yes to all as a concern! All drivers we use have a 100% no incident safety record for a reason. The reason is because of this concern. Trucks will come up the hill slowly with flashers on. Swing wide and stop to assess the corner for oncoming cars and human traffic. Satisfied all is safe, they will swing the corner. The double configuration is not a concern for the corners tightness. The property is very close to the corner and will stay in a very slow gear for safety and because it is not more than a short distance. I'm a grandpa and a father and this situation with my knowledge of the trucks, drivers, propane characteristics and Inter Islands resolve to do it right...not all companies try to do it right...it costs money but ensures safety. I would not be afraid to be a neighbor in this situation with the commitment to safety from all involved here.
- I only anticipate a load or two per an entire month anyway.

Your concerns are all valid and come from an experienced Breach and major leak from a previous company that did not get set up with a permanent cement mounted bulk tank with all of the required and optional safety equipment, but a portable tank on wheels with a power unit and no safeguards to back up a driver mistake.

Don't let a bad apple rot the whole basket. Inter-Island has the Islands residents in their best interest and is doing it right. If they don't...we won't deliver to an unsafe or badly installed tank and sully our own reputations. We are delivering to them in Friday Harbor and they have it set up to code and all safety requirements and are doing it right so far.

Sincerely,

Dave Robinson Gibsons Gas Washington State Rep.

Good Morning Donny,

I appreciate your concerns on having an environmentally and safe propane storage unit site on Orcas Island.

I will outline what we here at Gibsons link transportation do to keep our end of it as safe as possible, and I will outline some suggestions for yourselves to add to you and the safety of your friends, workers and Neighborhood.

Our drivers

- We have a perfect record of delivery with no reportable problems for nearly 20 years of deliveries.
- Are certified in every way imaginable. Refinery safety and operational cards and certificates, TWICS, CTAP training, HSSE Gibsons team monthly safety meetings. Daily DOT equipment inspections of truck and hoses. Monthly hose certification inspections.
- Clean records monitored by driver abstracts from DOL

Our trucks

- Low mileage units with emissions and certified clean idle
- Daily DOT unit inspections
- Daily hose inspections
- Monthly Truck and trailer inspections including hose certifications
- Quarterly inspections by Motor Trucks Truck shop
- Yearly inspections by Pacific tank including compressor service, valve inspection, hose certification.
- 5 year full inspection by Pacific Tank including Hydro certification by black lighting and weld grinding and Hydro pressure testing.
- All trucks have a Dixie gate on each valve entry. The gate is dropped to attach the hose. With the gate dropped, the brakes will be set and will not come off until the hose is removed and the gate is locked in the closed position. This makes it so driving off with a hose attached is impossible!
- Our delivery hoses are called Smart hoses, if a breach or break were to occur, the Smart hose will collapse and seal off.

Our delivery schedule to the islands.

- We drive a set of doubles. Yes it is long but the back trailer follows the front unit instead of cutting corners like a conventional truck and trailer which makes a narrower road friendly unit.
- We load the barge at 7 am every load which puts us at your site at around 11 am. That gives us the opportunity to keep any noise pollution and traffic problems to a minimum.
- The day has warmed up a bit so any burp of propane will vapor harmlessly into the atmosphere instead of sinking to a lower level to vapor slowly.

- Contrary to belief...yes, propane is heavier than air but boils at -44 degrees so any breach above -44 will evaporate harmlessly. The colder it is, the slower that happens though which is why we like to let the day warm before off-loading to create a safer situation in the rare case of a hose burp.

What Inter Island can do

- Fence area and lock
- Ecology block barricade around tank
- Bring a tank in that has been hydro pressured and certified safe
- Have a break away connection on bobtail fill hose to prevent a breach if a driver moves truck without disconnection
- Chock tires before loading
- Do the majority of loading in the afternoon if possible
- Have brake interlocks on hose valve connections on trucks.

With all of this in place, Inter Island on the islands will be as safe as any commercial industry and up to the standards that create a safe work and neighborhood environment.

Thanks for your concerns,

Dave Robinson