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Two years ago, Saudi Arabia tried to ramp up production to 10 million barrels a day. They failed. They could only ramp up to 9.5 million barrels. That was a watershed event for the world. It meant that the Saudi fields are past their production peak. There is a large body of evidence that most of the largest fields are past peak production. The era of so called light sweet crude oil is coming to an end. This was the reason for the great Gulf of Mexico oil spill. In an effort to maintain the light oil supply, the oil companies tried to drill deep into the Gulf to tap into the abiotic oil. These projects are more risky and the massive Gulf spill demonstrated this. This is why the future oil supply is of necessity in the heavy oils like shale and tar sand oil. The eco activists that trot out all the fear based so called facts neglect to understand the current situation. Their naiveté at these City Council gatherings is very striking to those who have taken the time to educate themselves on this issue. These activists show no awareness whatsoever of the changed situation in the world oil supply. They simply think that the status quo will last forever. So they are not willing to consider any change in the status of the Portland Pipeline even though the current trends clearly suggest that the status quo is coming to an end. Instead of condemning the efforts of the PPL to adapt to the new reality, they should be welcoming them. Oil has been and will continue to be for quite some time the life's blood of our economy despite all of the utopian beliefs of the eco activists about viable alternatives. My advise for the people who are supposed to be the decision makers is that they need to face this reality and act like grown ups to the childish whining of the eco activists. That would be a truly courageous act of leadership on the part of the City Council to reject all plans to restrict the ability of the PPL to adapt to the new situation in the world.

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