Portland is Fuming: Throughout Portland, the Air is Heavily Contaminated with Toxic Chemicals and Metals

New US Environmental Protection Agency data warn that there is an elevated risk of getting cancer from breathing the air in every neighborhood in Portland, as this map of air-quality related cancer risks in most of the city’s 160 census blocks shows. A total of 496,262 people live in these areas. The data also tell us that Portland’s air is among the most carcinogenic in the entire United States. You are likely to find the most dangerous air in downtown, along freeways, and near industrial sites.