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City of Eugene considers ban on construction of new gas stations

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FILE - A person fills up their gas tank at a station. (Getty Images)

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EUGENE, Ore. — The Eugene City Council is considering a prohibition on the construction of new gas stations within city limits.

Beyond Toxics, a local environmental non-profit, released a report on the harms of petroleum

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The group argues gas stations pose a threat to public health and safety.



Beyond Toxics says this report comes as the sales for electric vehicles rise; the need for new gas stations will decrease and be unprofitable by 2035.

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"The electrification revolution is well underway, which is great news for the city's climate goals and our efforts to fight climate change," said Mason Leavitt with Beyond Toxics. "But it also should help us think about the way we might think about our land use in the future."

According to Beyond Toxics, their effort is beyond just the move to electric vehicles, it's about controlling possible contaminations as result of gas leaks.



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DEQ data indicates that there have been more than three hundred underground gas storage tank leaks, which can contaminate the soil, air and groundwater in the impacted area.

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