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Re: Sumas Energy 2 Generation Facility

After having read the DEIS and attended public comment sessions, I feel compelled to add my voice to the feedback. First of all, I feel that the DEIS is flawed overall with the bottom line that there would be no adverse effect. You can't put those levels of emissions into the air and have no effect. The Sumas area is topographically a sensitive area in terms of air inversions and air pollution. Because of the mountains in the Fraser valley, air does not readily move through and exchange. So what you may call an insignificant affect is in fact VERY significant and definitely adverse. Asthma diagnoses are rising steadily in the area along with the population increase and the associated industry and cars. To quote an economic gain to Sumas is to completely ignore the health care costs associated with increased asthma (among other health risks such as cancer).

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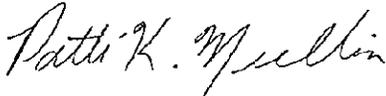
To put a 2.5 million gallon oil tank on top of the Sumas aquifer is to put at risk that aquifer which, by the way, is not contained in just this country. Canada shares this aquifer with us and shares the air also. I find it incomprehensibly insensitive to also place their community at risk.

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There are no economic gains or energy gains that outweigh the health and environmental risks. The only responsible choice is the no action alternative. It is inappropriate to build the plant in Sumas.

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Sincerely,



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