

**EFSEC Hearing, Vancouver WA, 28 May 2014,
Re: Tesoro Savage Energy Distribution Terminal,
Proposed for Port of Vancouver**

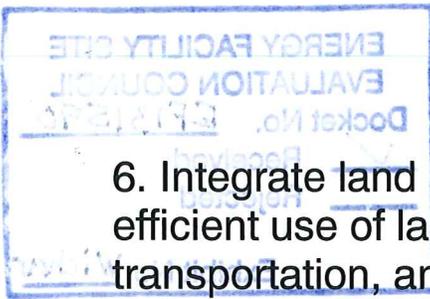
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| ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL | |
| Docket No. EF131590 | Received |
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| Exhibit No. <u>Wichar</u> | |

Not being a city planner, attorney, or related professional, but a concerned citizen & neighbor of the Port, I read Title 20 of Vancouver Municipal Code with interest & awe. Chapter 20.110 gives me even more certainty that the oil facility proposal is inappropriate.

I cite VMC Title 20, Chapter 20.110, Section 20.110.010, Sub-Section B, Community goals:

“The Development Code contains regulations to manage the community’s growth in a manner that ensures efficient use of land, preserves natural resources, and encourages good design. Specifically, the code is designed to implement adopted policies including:

1. Support the creation of a responsive, open government that operates in partnership with all citizens for the purpose of maximizing participation, as well as with city employees to ensure that they are empowered to effectively meet citizens’ needs.
2. Celebrate the city’s cultural diversity and heritage.
3. Provide diverse employment opportunities within the community, maintaining a healthy business climate that also ensures that the city’s residents will be provided a full range of goods and services.
4. Commit to responsible stewardship of the city’s natural resources including airsheds and watersheds, wildlife habitats and open space, with special attention paid to protecting the Columbia River, with its contribution to the city’s visual character, history, and economic base.
5. Provide the city’s residents with quality urban services while at the same time preserving the character of existing neighborhoods and enhancing the livability of the area.



6. Integrate land use and transportation planning to ensure the efficient use of land, promote use of alternative modes of transportation, and reduce congestion and air pollution.”

I suggest that the oil terminal proposal does not measure up to these community goals, especially goals 3 thru 6. If built, the oil transfer & storage facility would not -- & the many consequent long oil trains would not -- maintain healthy business climate, would not help steward airsheds, watersheds, wildlife habitats & open space, would not allow special attention to Columbia River & contribute to the city’s visual character, history, & economic base, would not preserve the character of existing neighborhoods & enhance livability of the area, would not reduce congestion & air pollution.

Regardless of the convolutions of the remainder of Title 20, this present proposal does not pass the fundamental standards of the first chapter, as specifically demonstrated at prior hearings & will be demonstrated at future hearings. Not only does the proposal not measure up to community goals; it actually threatens them. The premise of “nothing can go wrong” is empty. Just one incident of something major going wrong could destroy all cited goals, while even the mere day-to-day presence of the terminal would not support them.

I ask for rejection of the permit.

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