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Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
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Dear Site Evaluation Council,

Please deny the permit for the Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal.

My concerns with this project center about the scope of the permit process and the safety of rail tank cars for transport of hazardous materials.

The scope of the permit process should be broad as possible, examining regional energy needs, and the safety of oil transport from the earth in which it was derived until it leaves the terminal.

The most serious safety issue that needs to be addressed is the tank cars which transport the fuel. Exhaustive studies of the Lac-Megantic disaster have demonstrated fundamental flaws in the engineering of the tank cars, rendering them top heavy, prone to derail, and to split open when damaged. They are inappropriate for carrying hazardous materials such as oil. Unfortunately this tank car is the most frequently used form of rail transport for liquids, and frequently used for hazardous materials such as oil. The permit process must evaluate whether rail delivery of oil by this tank car is worth the risk.

Sincerely,

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