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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.

What are the alternatives? A "no action" alternative; an alternative relying on other oil terminals that already exist, are in the permitting process or under construction; and reducing reliance on fossil fuels all must be considered as viable alternatives. Transport routes that do not pass through congressionally protected areas, like the Columbia River Gorge also must be included in the alternatives analyses. The EIS should also consider reasonably foreseeable waterfront development opportunities that would be incompatible with an oil terminal, such as mixed use development with waterfront amenities.

from ARCTIC DREAMS by Barry Lopez
...Strip a person or the land of dignity, and you can direct any scheme you wish against them or it, and with the best of motives. To some this kind of efficiency is a modern technique, lamentable but not evil.
For others it is a debilitating degradation, a loss of integrity and spirit than no kind of economic well- being can ever justify."

The Columbia River Gorge is spiritual fortress for human and natural dignity. It is an immense home for people, plants, animals, fish. To be manipulated into something else ignores responsibility to the greater wholeness of all life.
Industrial mismanagement: "that humorless deskbound ignorance that brings people and land together in such a way that the land and the people suffer."
At this time all error is possible and continues in the attempt to supply the world of China with what they don't need.

Leave what you are doing until which time a technology can produce achievement healthy for the spirit of earth and human kind. That time is not now.

Sincerely,

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