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To: EFSEC (UTC)
Subject: Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

Dear Governor Inslee and Washington EFSEC:

This is a pivotal moment in the battle over exporting air-polluting, climate-changing, environment-damaging oil from the Northwest. Please fully and scientifically evaluate the TOTAL regional and global consequences of Tesoro Savage's proposal to ship 360,000 barrels of oil each day through Spokane, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Vancouver and the Columbia River. Oil-by-rail and export by ship is a bad deal for Washington State and the entire Northwest region. The project comes at a steep price for rail and river communities throughout the state and along the Columbia River, yet offers few jobs in return. Based on the far-reaching impacts of this project, it seems obvious to deny Tesoro Savage's unprecedented proposal.

The huge risks and hazards to public safety and the environment of the state's largest pipeline-on-wheels proposal deserve close scrutiny. At the very least EFSEC must assess:

1. The potential effects of a large train-related oil spill along the rail route in Washington and beyond.
2. The transportation and public health effects of additional unit train traffic through communities along the proposed oil-by-rail route. This includes evaluating emergency response capabilities in Vancouver, where oil trains would deliver and store oil, and other communities along the rail and shipping route.
3. The increased risk of virtually inevitable oil tanker spills on Washington State waters and along the shipping route.
4. The project's effect on climate change. This analysis should include climate change effects from crude oil as well as tar sands oil from production to end use.

After carefully considering the safety, environmental, and climate risks associated with the project, I respectfully ask you to deny Tesoro Savage's application.

Thank you.

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