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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 proposal is pure insanity. You must stop & think this through fully. The risk & danger to both the environment & to the general population is extremely high, and completely unacceptable. And unnecessary.

Better, cleaner, far less risky options exist already, and newer thinking ones can be implemented as well. This 'method' of shipping dangerous & flammable fossil fuel products by RR simply bypasses existing federal regulations & approvals for pipelines. It's quicker, and will provide the RRs more profits sooner.

-->RRs have had almost complete autonomy in the USA for the past century, and they are trying to get this \$25 BILLION RR expansion across N America done before enough people realize it's even happening and move to STOP IT.

-->Transporting dangerous & FLAMMABLE fossil fuels (particularly bituminous!!!) at high speeds will change this country forever, and not in any good way:(These trains are NOISY & cause vibrations. They are also many MILES long, and run at HIGH SPEEDS. As a result, derailings are also on the increase...and when they occur they cause catastrophic damage. The materials either seep into previously pristine grounds, or they EXPLODE, flattening entire communities. Plus the RRs rarely ever pick up the cleanup tab.

-->WHY would ANY rational, thinking person want this, or approve it????? The price is simply too high. Doing things this way just assures that the oil folks get richer. Well, they've already made their fortunes (while also collecting gov'n subsidies!) Now we should all give up our sleep--these trains run 24/7!!!-and our sanity and our safety, so they can reap still more PROFITS?!

-->NO.

I urge you to assess the full impact of Tesoro Savage's proposal to ship 360,000 barrels of oil EACH DAY & NIGHT through Spokane, and the scenic Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Vancouver and the Columbia River.

Oil-by-rail and export by ship is a terrible 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, I urge you to DENY Tesoro Savage's unprecedented proposal.

-->While you still can.

The public safety and environmental impacts of the state's largest pipeline-on-wheels proposal deserve very close scrutiny. EFSEC must fully assess:

- The potential impacts of a large train-related oil spill along the rail route in Washington and beyond.

- The transportation and public health impacts 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.

- The vastly increased risk of an oil tanker spill on Washington State waters and along the shipping route.

- The project's increased impact on climate instability. This analysis should include climate impacts from crude oil, as well as from tar sands oil, from cradle to grave.

After carefully considering the MANY safety, environmental, and climate risks associated with the project, you will be UNable to come up with any reasons to approve Tesoro Savage's application, now or ever.

Sincerely,

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