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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.

I serve as Commissioner, Port of Camas-Washougal. We have a vital interest in preserving the quality of life and transportation access within our community. We cherish our position at the "Gateway to the Gorge" and envision recreation and tourism to be key drivers of our economic future.

The proposed pipeline on wheels and coal chute on wheels are believed to pose an enormous threat to the quality of life, transportation access and tourism potential of our communities.

Moreover, the Tesoro proposal is obviously a big lie. Under close examination, it makes little sense to route oil trains to Vancouver, load it on vessels and ship oil to West Coast ports for refining. That is triple handling. It is much more probable that this oil is destined for shipment to foreign countries, increasing the energy dependency of our nation. At this time, Tesoro and other petroleum companies are lobbying fiercely to change U.S. laws prohibiting the export of crude oil.

As a shipper, Tesoro has a woeful record of safety. This will have been emphasized by other writers; no need to dwell on it. It is enough to note that I am very concerned with the impact that even the smallest accident would have. As a professional engineer, I am well aware of the frailties of mechanical systems and the potential for human error.

Thank you for considering these comments and including them into the official record.

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