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FROM:  Stephen Posner, EFSEC Acting Manager

DATE: September 4, 2013

SUBJECT: **The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Receives the
Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal Application
for Site Certification**

Honorable Chairs:

On August 29, 2013, Tesoro Savage a Joint Venture submitted an Application for Site Certification (ASC) to the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to construct and operate the Tesoro-Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal, a crude-by-rail unloading and marine loading facility, to be located at the Port of Vancouver.

Under Washington State law, EFSEC is responsible for siting and licensing the construction and operation of major energy facilities in Washington State, including this project. EFSEC is beginning its review process as required by Chapter 80.50 Revised Code of Washington and Title 463 Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Under WAC 197-11-938, EFSEC is the lead State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) agency for this project. If a project is approved, EFSEC specifies the conditions of construction and operation; issues permits in lieu of any other individual state or local agency authority; and manages an environmental and safety oversight program of facility and site operations.

EFSEC staff is preparing for a first public information meeting to be held in Vancouver, in late October 2013. A SEPA scoping meeting will also be organized to receive comments regarding the issues that should be addressed in an Environmental Impact

Statement. You and Tribal staff will be notified when the final meeting arrangements have been made.

The EFSEC Council and its staff look forward to working closely with Tribal representatives during the review of this project.

Please contact me at (360) 664-1903 (sposner@utc.wa.gov) if you have any questions concerning this matter.