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From: Bazarov, Ashley (DOH)
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 4:41 PM
To: Posner, Stephen (UTC)
Cc: Means, Mike J (DOH); EFSEC (UTC)
Subject: Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal Docket #EF-131590
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Dear Mr. Posner:

Please see the attached comment letter from Maryanne Guichard, Assistant Secretary for the Division of Environmental Public Health.

Regards,

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Docket EF-131590

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October 2, 2013

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Dear Mr. Posner:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the application proposal: Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal Docket #EF-131590. The application is for certification to construct and operate the proposed terminal, a crude oil-by-rail unloading, and marine loading facility to be located at the Port of Vancouver (Port).

My staff completed a review of Tesoro's application proposal. The application provides details for the transfer facility, including increased shipping considerations associated with the project. Our primary concerns are potential catastrophic incidents to public drinking water sources from rail transport of crude oil and climate impacts from the facility. Specifically:

1. Many public drinking water system wells are located along the main rail lines at the Columbia Gorge. The application does not address the potential operational concerns to these wells from catastrophic failure of the railway delivery of oil. It also doesn't detail any information about the scope of increased transport of crude oil on the railways.
2. The application identified only one Port well (#2) located approximately 1.3 miles southeast of Area 300. Our GIS maps show three Port wells within the application area. The Port's wells #1 and #3 should be included in any revisions of the application report.
3. The application states "the incremental effect of the project on global climate change is insignificant." We do not consider the increased contribution of 0.14 percent (136,000 metric tons) of Washington State's total greenhouse gas emissions as insignificant. Ultimately, climate change will affect the operation, maintenance, and water availability of drinking water systems in our state.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you to achieve our goal of protecting public health. If you have additional questions regarding our comments, please contact Mike Means in the Office of Drinking Water at 360-236-3178 or mike.means@doh.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Maryanne Guichard
Assistant Secretary

cc: Mike Means, Department of Health



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From: Bumpus, Sonia (UTC)
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 8:35 AM
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Tesoro Savage project public comment. Please process.

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From: John and Mary Benham [mailto:johnandmarybenham@gmail.com]
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Subject: Request for Public Informational Hearing

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Re: Formal Request for Public Informational Hearing and State Environmental Policy Act Scoping Hearing in Spokane, Washington

Ms. Bumpus:

The following organizations and individuals hereby request that EFSEC host a public informational hearing in Spokane, Washington to inform communities in Eastern Washington about the Tesoro/Savage Crude-by-Rail terminal, proposed for the Port of Vancouver. The terminal itself would be sited in Vancouver, Washington. The citizens of Eastern Washington, however, stand to bear significant adverse impacts resulting from increased rail traffic carrying crude oil to the proposed terminal.

The Tesoro/Savage proposal contemplates transferring up to 380,000 barrels per day of crude oil from rail lines to marine vessels at the proposed site in Vancouver. The company's application to EFSEC states that on average four trains per day will arrive at the terminal, meaning an additional 8 trains per day (traveling to and from) will cut through Spokane on the rail lines.

Communities in Eastern Washington are already likely to face negative impacts from increased rail traffic due to the coal export terminals proposed in Cherry Point and Longview, Washington, as well as the Port of Morrow

terminal proposed for Boardman, Oregon. The public hearing concerning the Longview Millennium Bulk Terminals coal export terminal, held on September 25, 2013 at the Spokane Convention Center, drew over 400 people. The majority of those in attendance spoke in opposition to the project and raised concerns about the likely adverse impacts to public health and the environment for those regions located along the railways.

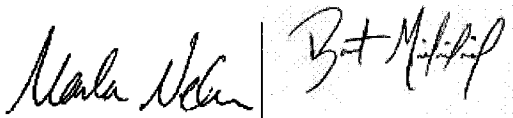
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EFSEC's own rules only require a public informational hearing "in the general proximity of the proposed project." See WAC 463-26-025. Yet EFSEC is also planning a public hearing on scoping pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) at the end of October. The purposes of SEPA are to encourage harmony between humankind and the environment, prevent or eliminate damage to the environment, stimulate the health and welfare of human beings, and enrich understanding of the natural resources important to the state and nation. See RCW 43.21C.010. Consistent with these purposes, EFSEC should provide the citizens of Spokane an opportunity to weigh in on the Tesoro/Savage Crude-by-Rail proposal.

Limiting public involvement in the review of the Tesoro/Savage crude by rail project to those communities near the terminal site in Longview will prevent EFSEC from understanding the full impact of the proposed project on the environment and communities in Eastern Washington. The voices of these communities deserve to be heard.

Sincerely,

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From: Bumpus, Sonia (UTC)
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Thanks,
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From: Bart Mihailovich [mailto:bart@cforjustice.org]
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To: Bumpus, Sonia (UTC)
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Subject: Formal Request for Public Informational Hearing and State Environmental Policy Act Scoping Hearing in Spokane, Washington

Ms. Bumpus,

Please find attached a letter submitted on behalf of Spokane Riverkeeper and the Northwest Environmental Defense Center, and signed by other local organizations and individuals, formally requesting a Public Informational Hearing and State Environmental Policy Act Scoping Hearing in Spokane, Washington.

Letter is attached.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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October 4, 2013

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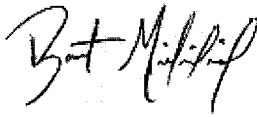
EFSEC's own rules only require a public informational hearing "in the general proximity of the proposed project." See WAC 463-26-025. Although the construction site for this project will be in Vancouver, Washington, the operation of the facility will necessarily increase rail traffic through communities in Eastern Washington. The impacts from increased rail traffic are part of the proposed project, and thus Eastern Washington deserves a public informational hearing in the general proximity of those lines.

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As part of its SEPA analysis for the related coal export terminal proposed in Longview, Washington's Department of Ecology is requiring a detailed assessment of rail transportation on other representative communities in Washington and a general analysis of out-of-state rail impacts, as well as an assessment of how the project would affect human health in all of Washington. That project anticipates an additional 8 train cars per day as a result, traveling on the same rail lines that the Tesoro/Savage project proposes to use. EFSEC's SEPA analysis should comport with Ecology's analysis, and provide an assessment of the impacts due to increased rail transportation that is likely to result from this project.

The voices of these communities deserve to be heard. Consistent with the purposes of SEPA, EFSEC should provide the citizens of Spokane an opportunity to weigh in on the Tesoro/Savage Crude-by-Rail proposal.

Sincerely,



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