

From: Susan Saul <susan103saul@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:29 PM
To: EFSEC (UTC)
Subject: EIS Scoping comments for Tesoro Savage proposal in Vancouver

Dear

As a resident of Vancouver, I am very concerned about the proposed Tesoro Savage project at the Port of Vancouver. I urge you to fully assess the impacts of this proposal to transport up to 360,000 barrels of oil each day from North Dakota through the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and Vancouver to the Port of Vancouver.

I urge you to include in the scoping of this proposal the implications to public safety, environmental impacts, and the health of our communities. These deserve a spotlight in the assessment of the state's largest oil-by-rail terminal proposal, including,

- * The compounding impact of multiple trains going through communities daily on traffic, community safety, and air quality;
- * The threat of oil spills from trains and marine vessels along the Columbia, the Pacific Ocean, and the Puget Sound;
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- * Terminal safety precautions related to the type and source of oil, level of combustion, and air emissions.

Tesoro Savage's project needs detailed scrutiny. For example, moving oil by rail through Washington raises a huge concern regarding rail car safety. The rail cars proposed to carry this crude oil to the Port of Vancouver have been proven to be unsafe. In just the past six months, we have seen the horrors that come from transporting crude oil by rail. Derailments have led to explosions, fires, pollution, and deaths.

There are potentially high risks to this proposal. Oil transported by pipelines has a much better safety record when compared with other modes of transporting oil, but pipelines have a higher leak-rate than rail. Leaking pipelines can constitute their own brand of disaster in loss of life and livelihood. The fact that pipelines cannot convert themselves into rolling bombs, but instead can destroy a river or farm through leaking noxious contaminants doesn't make the latter an acceptable option either.

Thank you.

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From: Gerald Burnett <gerryburnett@jps.net>
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Thank you.

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From: Zakaria Chida <zmuschida@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:35 PM
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Thank you.

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Tesoro Savage CBR
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UTC)

From: Ruth Darden <dseattlered@seanet.com>
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Thank you.

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From: Kristen Kosidowski <kristenkosidowski@gmail.com>
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Thank you.

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(UTC)

From: Felicity Devlin <felicitydevlin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:40 PM
To: EFSEC (UTC)
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Thank you.

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From: Rein Attemann <reinattemann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:36 PM
To: EFSEC (UTC)
Subject: Vancouver's oil by rail project, my EISscoping comments..

Dear

As a Washington resident concerned about our water resources, I am very concerned about the proposed Tesoro Savage project at the Port of Vancouver. I urge you to fully assess the impacts of this proposal to transport up to 360,000 barrels of oil each day through Spokane, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Vancouver, and other Northwest communities.

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Thank you.

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(UTC)

From: Christopher J Watson <cjwatson60@hotmail.com>
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Thank you.

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From: Matthew Boguske <mboguske@yahoo.com>
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Thank you.

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(UTC)

From: Phyllis & Ivar Dolph <pidolph@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:44 PM
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Thank you.

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UTC)

From: Robert.j.riordan@tsocorp.com
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:54 PM
To: EFSEC (UTC)
Subject: Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal

Dear EFSEC Commissioners

I am a Tesoro employee from and am writing in support of the Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal. As a Tesoro employee, I stand behind the company's commitment to safety and the environment. I have firsthand experience of how important safe, clean, and efficient operations are to Tesoro.

This terminal will also contribute to energy independence in the United States. Because of my job, I understand the market demand for moving crude oil to West Coast refineries. This terminal will make the transportation of crude oil from the Bakken and other regions more accessible and reduce the amount of crude U.S. refineries are currently forced to purchase from international sources. By allowing U.S. crude to move through a U.S. terminal to U.S. refineries, Tesoro and Savage are supporting U.S. energy independence and creating U.S. jobs.

I urge the committee to bear in mind the positive impact this terminal will have on the U.S. economy. As a Tesoro employee and an American job holder, my family depends on the strength of the oil and gas industry in the U.S. To keep this project moving forward on a schedule that will allow for its timely approval, please keep the scope of the SEPA environmental analysis purposefully focused on potential impacts from the proposed facility. The scope of the EIS must be limited to those potential impacts directly related to the facility design and operation. I ask that EFSEC consider the following site-specific impacts in preparation of the SEPA Environmental Impact Statement:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Robert Riordan

(UTC)

From: Barbara Tountas <Babaantee@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:53 PM
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Thank you.

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(UTC)

From: james.m.hed@tsocorp.com
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:48 PM
To: EFSEC (UTC)
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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
James Hed

UTC)

From: Stephen Yates <yatesart123@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:48 PM
To: EFSEC (UTC)
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Thank you.

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UTC)

From: Timothy Randolph <timwrandolph@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:48 PM
To: EFSEC (UTC)
Subject: EIS comments on Tesoro Savage proposal in Vancouver

Dear

I am concerned about and, based on existing information strongly opposed to, the proposed Tesoro Savage project at the Port of Vancouver, WA. I urge you to fully assess all environmental impacts of this proposal to transport up to 360,000 barrels of oil each day through the state, including Spokane, Vancouver, the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area, and communities throughout Washington.

In scoping this proposal, I also urge you to assess implications to public safety, community health and climate changes. These will all be crucially affected by the state's largest oil-by-rail terminal proposed. In particular:

- There is near certainty, over time, that oil spills will occur from trains and/or boats on the Columbia, the Pacific Ocean, and the Puget Sound;
- Increased oil tanker traffic will negatively impact the native Orca population as well as salmon and marine habitat
- and any complete environmental analysis must assess the impact on climate change impacts resulting from crude oil from Bakken to Tar sands

Thank you.

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Tesoro Savage CBR
Scoping Comment
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UTC)

From: Toniann Reading <toni.reading@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:47 PM
To: EFSEC (UTC)
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Dear

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Scoping Comment
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UTC)

From: Kathryn Schetzer <kschetzer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:46 PM
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From: Heliodoro.alvarez@tsocorp.com
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Thank you.

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(UTC)

From: Suzanne Scollon <suzie@geosemiotics.net>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:21 PM
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We all know that oil spills from railroad cars and can not be cleaned up. Hundreds are dying every month from Tar Sands effluent, both airborne and waterborne.

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Alden Moss
<aldenmoss@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:14 PM
To: EFSEC (UTC)
Subject: Comment on Docket No. EF-131590, Application No. 2013-01

Dec 16, 2013

Mr. Stephen Posner
P.O. Box 43172
Olympia, WA 98504-3172

Dear Mr. Posner,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the Tesoro-Savage oil export proposal at the Port of Vancouver and encourage you to recommend rejecting it. If this terminal were to be built, Vancouver, every community along the rail route, and the entire would would suffer.

Please take into account all of the possible environmental, health, and safety effects of this proposal.

The trains that would carry the oil would emit toxic diesel exhaust, which can cause cancer in humans.

There is always the possibility of spills, which would harm the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic area. A spill in the Columbia River would decimate all of the runs of salmon and harm the endangered species that depend upon the ecosystem.

This proposal is bad from a safety standpoint as well. As we have seen from the disasters in Quebec and Alabama, train derailments can cause dangerous explosions; something we definitely don't want in the Northwest.

Also, please take into account the effects on climate change. Opening up the tar sands to Asian markets would allow for a dramatic increase in greenhouse gas emissions at a time when we must cut back for the sake of our future.

These are only a few of the most general reasons why the Vancouver oil export terminal is a bad idea. I urge you to take these factors into account when you make your decision and ultimately recommend rejecting the proposal.

Sincerely,

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Amy Boatright
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I respectfully ask you to recommend the rejection of Tesoro-Savage's application.

Sincerely,

Ms. Amy Boatright
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From: Elizabeth Dawson <thirdrockwalk@gmail.com>
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From: Paige Garberding <paijlee1@comcast.net>
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From: Rebecca Wolfe <rr.wolfe@comcast.net>
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Tesoro Savage CBR
Scoping Comment
#29028

UTC)

From: Dr.Robert and Gail Stagman <zevdog@zipcon.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 3:12 PM
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Scoping Comment
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UTC)

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Scoping Comment
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Subject: Oil by Rail meeting
Attachments: Comments - Oil by rail.doc

Categories: Red Category

Spokane meeting, Dec 11, 2013. My comments are attached.

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Comments - Oil by rail

The Spokane area sits astride of a major rail artery. BNSF mainlines from Chicago and Kansas City on the east to Seattle and Portland to the west pass through the city and the valley. A Union Pacific secondary line from Canada to their Hinkle terminal near the Tri-cities also utilizes the BNSF track through downtown Spokane.

99 years ago, public and private leaders showed incredible insight when the main line of what then was the Northern Pacific railroad was elevated through the downtown area. The 1970 Burlington Northern merger resulted in the removal of ALL other rail lines in downtown Spokane and all trains now pass through the downtown area of the elevated viaduct. The net result is that Spokane is fortunate in that there are essentially NO at grade crossings in the downtown area.

The valley area is not so fortunate as there are currently several high volume road traffic grade crossings in existence today. In 2007, Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) proposed an ambitious program called "Bridging the Valley". This proposal addressed at grade crossings on both BNSF and UP in the 42 mile corridor between Spokane WA and Athol ID.

Reference:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/NR/rdonlyres/DB8A3442-C64B-4408-9C5F-2A0653A3D905/0/Q2BTVPresentationPlanningsymposium.pdf>

Unfortunately this program seems to have stalled after constructing only one bridge – at Havana Street. This is an underutilized arterial that was closed for over 2 years from 2010 to 2012 during construction of the bridge. Few missed Havana Street while it was closed because other overpasses at Freya and Fancher were close. How unfortunate that this first bridge wasn't at a busy crossing that would have had a major impact, such as Pines Road (state highway 27). We could use some of that leadership insight that we had back in 1915!

With this background in mind, we are still in a good position to handle increased train traffic in the area. The efficiency of the railroad to handle large quantities of traffic at the lowest cost is unmatched. Every day double-stack container trains pass through the area bearing the names of large trucking companies including UPS, FedEx, J.B.Hunt, Schneider, Swift, Estes, and many others. Imagine what I-90 would look like if all this traffic moved by highway! A significant number of grain trains pass through Spokane every day, carrying wheat and corn from the Midwest to west coast ports for export.

In recent years BNSF has invested millions of their dollars in right-of-way improvements in the Spokane area. These investments are designed to keep train traffic moving fluidly and safely, as well as adding additional capacity. They continue to invest in track improvements on their area mainlines.

BNSF makes a large, and mostly successful, effort to avoid blocking grade crossings when trains have to stop. When trains are moving over grade crossings, they generally are travelling at fairly fast speeds, thus minimizing delays to motorists as much as possible.

Oil (and coal) trains represent sensible utilization of the natural resources we enjoy in the United States. New oil extraction techniques as are being demonstrated in the Bakken formation are dramatically increasing domestic oil production and potentially reducing our dependence on Middle Eastern oil imports. Exports of both oil and coal can make a positive contribution to our balance-of-trade-payments with our foreign (read China) trading partners.

Increased train traffic also will result in more good paying railroad jobs in the Spokane area becoming available in the future. We hear a lot of talk about how Spokane needs more "family wage" jobs.

Let's not blow this opportunity on a lot of meaningless hype.

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Re: Tesoro Savage Petroleum Terminal LLC Site Certificate Agreement
Docket No. EF-131590
Via email: efsec@utc.wa.gov

Dear Mr. Posner,
Please accept the attached comments in opposition to the Tesoro Savage Petroleum Terminal LLC Site Certificate Agreement on behalf of FOGH (Friends of Grays Harbor).

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of these concerns.

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Dear Mr. Posner:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the outcome recommendations on the location of a crude oil terminal at the edge of the critically important Columbia River. We appreciate that this is a very complex project and hope our input will be of assistance in making decisions that will benefit the environment, visitors and residents of the Columbia River Watershed.

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Transporting crude by rail threatens communities all along the route.

- Rail infrastructure is in poor condition, increasing risk of derailments
- Rail cars have been shown to rupture and explode causing loss of life and property.
- Irreplaceable wetlands and waterways along the route are at risk.
- Spills will cause permanent harm to fish habitat and economies that depend on marine resources
- Real estate values along rail route and oil terminals decrease dramatically.
- Increased rail traffic causes unacceptable delays and block emergency access.
- Crude oil transport negatively impacts all other developments and investments adjacent to the rail routes and terminal.
- Local communities are ill-equipped to deal with spills, fires or explosions.
- Increasing carbon emissions from extracting the crude oil adds to global climate change.

Washington is simply not ready in terms of spill preparedness or transport safety, and neither is the aging and outdated fleet of rail cars used to transport crude by rail and which would facilitate the rapid and unsafe growth of that industry in our state.

The train derailment and explosions in Lac-Megantic, Quebec this summer, the more recent derailment and explosion at Aliceville, Alabama, the pipeline breach along the Kalamazoo River in 2010, and the grounding of the Exxon-Valdez tanker in 1989 are reminders that accidents happen and have devastating consequences when it comes to transporting oil.

Spill readiness: We simply aren't ready for spills by rail, per Ecology's own account. Much of the rail route parallels waterways like Columbia River, Chehalis River, Grays Harbor Estuary, and Puget Sound. With respect to tar sands, we have no meaningful response plan that acknowledges the fate of tar sands in marine or fresh aquatic environments. Current rail standards allow transport of explosive Bakken crude in old and outdated cars--a risk Washingtonians shouldn't have to take.

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It isn't for us: In total, the new rail terminals substantially exceed Washington's refining capacity, which already receives all the crude needed by vessel and Kinder Morgan's Puget Sound Pipeline. While each of the terminals is nominally intended to receive domestic Bakken shale oil, many have already been demonstrated to be actively soliciting tar sands business from Alberta. In fact it is doubtful that the proposed expansion would make economic sense for Bakken crude alone. With Alberta's tar sands representing the second largest oil deposit on the planet, international market demand will inevitably pressure Washington's crude by rail terminals to become nothing but transshipment points for Canadian crude to the world—leaving us with all the risk and no reward. A simple "chain of custody" certification policy could readily allow the transport of Canadian crude to be exported directly, since there is not a prohibition of export of Canadian-based or other foreign acquired crude oil.

Terminals would slow Washington's economic recovery: Committing large volumes of rail capacity for raw energy export is bad for Washington jobs and retards economic growth. Mixing coal, Bakken, and tar sands on the rails is a recipe for increased derailment and catastrophic disasters; likewise, repeated risk exposure through a vast increase in crude and bulk carrier vessels in the Columbia, Grays Harbor or Puget Sound virtually guarantees a devastating oil spill of a size that could easily exceed the two Puget Sound spills of that generated so much outcry from citizens ten years ago. Ecology estimates a single major oil spill in Puget Sound to cost our economy \$10.8 billion and impact 165,000 jobs. Many of those jobs would be tribal. The increased likelihood of a spill or accident would threaten guaranteed cultural and historical tribal treaty rights.

Ocean acidification: Opening up the taps to Alberta's tar sands, which these rail terminals would eventually, do (each of the three terminals on the Columbia have had conversations with tar sands producers), effectively opens up the taps to the second largest oil deposit on the planet. This has been described as "game-over" for defending against catastrophic climate change. Even if this oil is burned elsewhere, the sheer scale of the reserves can easily be traced to dramatic local climate change and ocean acidification effects.

Sincerely,



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President

