

Tesoro Savage CBR  
Scoping Comment  
#30201

**UTC)**

**From:** timothy.a.walker@tsocorp.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:10 AM  
**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.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Timothy Walker

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#30202

Docket EF-131590

(UTC)

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

Bobb Owen <zephyr5555@hotmail.com>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:19 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
EIS Scoping comments for Tesoro Savage proposal in Vancouver

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Thank you.

Bobb Owen  
1953 25th Ave East  
Seattle, WA 98112

(UTC)

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

Natalie Jamerson <natalie@wecprotects.org>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:21 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you.

Natalie Jamerson  
2706 60th Ave SE  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

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**From:** Doug Rice <Doug.rice@kingcounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:21 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you.

Doug Rice  
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Seattle, WA 98144

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Scoping Comment  
#30205

(UTC)

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

Lorena Higbee <lorena.welch@gmail.com>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:30 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
EIS Scoping comments for Tesoro Savage proposal in Vancouver

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Thank you.

Lorena Higbee  
7246 Humphrey Road  
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Clinton, WA 98236

Tesoro Savage CBR  
Scoping Comment  
#30206

(UTC)

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

dominic.a.dicarlo@tsocorp.com  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:32 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal

Dear EFSEC Commissioners

I am a Tesoro employee from California 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:

- Spill prevention and spill response requirements that protect the environment
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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Dominic DiCarlo

(UTC)

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

don.morkal@universalplant.com  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:38 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal

Dear Stephen Posner

I am a resident of Washington and am writing in support of the Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal. The proposed project will receive and ship North American crude oil to US refineries to offset or replace foreign imports and declining production in Alaska and California. This crude oil will be refined in US refineries to help meet the everyday needs of residents and businesses along the US West Coast – including those of the state of Washington. In short, it helps with America's energy security and will bring economic benefits and valuable jobs to our local communities.

As a resident, I believe the safety and environmental reviews are extremely important and will help ensure that this is done safely and responsibly. As such, I would request that the scope of the SEPA environmental analysis be 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:

- Risks caused by earthquakes
- Spill prevention and spill response requirements that protect the environment
- Ability to comply with state and federal air quality emission standards
- Protection of Columbia River water quality and fish and wildlife resources
- Impact of the facility on local transportation infrastructure and public services
- Facility design that meets all relevant safety standards

I am concerned that conducting a SEPA EIS that looks beyond site-based facility impacts is an overreach that could dilute the core focus on this facility and have a dampening effect on transportation of other commodities, such as agricultural products, which are vital to the economies of Vancouver, Clark County and the state of Washington.

This balanced approach is consistent with SEPA statutes and regulations and will protect the environment while also ensuring the state's ability to grow its economy. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Don Morkal

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Scoping Comment  
#30208

DOCKET EF-131390

(UTC)

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

Christy Himmelright <christuna43@gmail.com>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:38 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
Coal Trains thru Spokane

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to add my concerns to those already voiced throughout our community. The volatile nature of oil shale from north Dakota has already been documented more than once. The horrific explosion and loss of life in Canada are not incidents that should have EVER happened, let alone be set up to be repeated anywhere else. At this juncture in our life here on Earth, we are surrounded by the evidence of humans failing to understand the consequences of their rash and/or unheeding actions. Climate change has arrived, and we are only beginning to experience the longterm results of that. Is there really a compelling reason to add even more pollution and chances for further accidents to our already overburdened environment? We have known for many years that alternative energies would be needed, and have made some significant inroads into developing some of those. The use of fossil fuels is now, in itself, a fossilized idea, and we MUST look elsewhere for clean and sustainable sources. Adding 10-12 more very long trains to run through a major city is not a good idea, even were they to carry only cotton balls. To contemplate the same full of shale is frightening beyond belief. Please reconsider this ill-conceived plan.

Christy Himmelright  
[christuna43@gmail.com](mailto:christuna43@gmail.com)



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#30209

**UTC)**

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

judith cohen <jctcohen@yahoo.com>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:42 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
EIS Scoping comments for Tesoro Savage proposal in Vancouver

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Thank you.

judith cohen  
1608 E. Republican St  
Seattle, WV 98112

Tesoro Savage CBR  
Scoping Comment  
#30210

Docket EE-121590

JTC)

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

Amelia Apfel <amelia.apfel@gmail.com>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:44 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
EIS Scoping comments for Tesoro Savage proposal in Vancouver

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Amelia Apfel  
520 N 45th Street Apt D  
Seattle, WA 98103

Tesoro Savage CBR  
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#30211

**(UTC)**

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

Andrew Shoemaker <cascaDECLIMBN@gmail.com>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:52 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
EIS Scoping comments for Tesoro Savage proposal in Vancouver

Dear

My name is Andrew Shoemaker and I am a Washington resident. As a community member, 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.

Andrew Shoemaker  
4635 Lemon Rd NE  
Olympia, WA 98506

Tesoro Savage CBR  
Scoping Comment  
#30212

Docket EF-131590

**JTC)**

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

Karen Kulm <lk.kulm@gmail.com>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:56 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
Vancouver oil terminal

I am writing today to voice my opinion re: the proposed Port of Vancouver Oil terminal. I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to this terminal. The Port of Vancouver did not listen to the overwhelming testimony against the terminal. These are people we elected, but they are not representing our best interests.

This will harm neighborhoods near the terminal and potentially harm all the small towns in the Columbia Gorge if there is any kind of disaster. How adequate is the insurance coverage in the event of an oil train explosion in the Gorge during forest fire season? A fire would race up the hills and spread throughout the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Already, because of Climate Change, forest fires spread much faster and with greater intensity. Warmer air desiccates our forests.

All the major car companies are producing hybrids now. We need to continue to focus on clean energy and all the sustainable jobs related to this field. The local Longshoremen's Union voted unanimously to oppose this project. They do NOT want these dirty jobs. Please, for the sake of your grandchildren and mine, do not let this project go through.

Yours Truly,  
Linda K. Kulm, RN  
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Tesoro Savage CBR  
Scoping Comment  
#30213

**(UTC)**

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

Jeff Guay <snowowl@turboisp.com>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:58 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you.

Jeff Guay  
202 S. 2nd West  
Chewelah, WA 99109

**(UTC)**

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

Logan Paul <logan.paul787@gmail.com>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 11:00 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
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:

I urge you to assess the full impact of Tesoro Savage's proposal to ship 360,000 barrels of oil each day through Spokane, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Vancouver and the Columbia River. Oil-by-rail and export by ship is a bad 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.

The public safety and environmental impacts of the state's largest pipeline-on-wheels proposal deserve close scrutiny. For example, EFSEC must 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 increased risk of an oil tanker spill on Washington State waters and along the shipping route.
- The project's impact on climate change. This analysis should include climate change impacts from crude oil as well as tar sands oil from cradle to grave.

After carefully considering the safety, environmental, and climate risks associated with the project, I respectfully ask you to deny Tesoro Savage's application.

Thank you.

Logan Paul

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Tesoro Savage CBR  
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#30215

**UTC)**

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

David.Avalos@tsocorp.com  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 11:05 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
David Avalos

Tesoro Savage CBR  
Scoping Comment  
#30216

(UTC)

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

linda draper <linda.draper@comcast.net>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 11:07 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you.

linda draper  
p.o. box 728  
milton, WA 98354



1 (UTC)

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

Jim Antisdel <jimantisdel@me.com>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 11:22 AM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
Vancouver WA Oil/Longview Coal Transfer Facility Input

Dear Mr Posner, In the nature of full disclosure I am actually a rail supporter who owns shares of Union Pacific and used to be a pre-Buffer privatization BNSF stockholder as well. Rail is a very efficient way to move goods and I even have a model train room in the basement for fun, so I'm not an opponent of this conveyance medium.

That being said, I believe it is important to realize that these systems do have inherent shortcomings and are not the ideal neighbor in many settings. As a former military and airline pilot, I understand the concept of risk mitigation and am still amazed by the frequency of "train wreck stories" in the media. A large scale life altering event seems to occur weekly at one random location or another, but this just seems to be treated as a built in cost of doing business with this industry. Some cargoes obviously pose a greater threat than others if their vessels are compromised and a hopper load of wheat carries less damage potential than a tanker car full of hydrochloric acid. Unfortunately trackside communities usually do not get to choose which one might end up in their front yard should something go wrong and hence this letter.

With any mechanism there is some element of potential failure involved during each cycle of operation and therefore the more times a system is tested, the greater the chance of some untoward outcome. As I watch the increasing number of coal hoppers and petroleum tanker cars roll through our surrounding towns, I'm forced to ponder the idea that this will become a perpetual torrent with all the associated hazards. Without even addressing the divisive environmental impacts of fracking for oil or coal use in general, I feel we should focus on whether these toxic cargoes belong in a seismically active residential setting in massive quantities.

We just had a "small" 3,200 gallon nearby fuel truck spill which seemed to disrupt numerous lives and tax local emergency services. The general consensus was that even though this mini disaster drill went well, the event could have turned out very different. As I pedal by these long strings of non retrofitted DOT-111 tankers on multiple tracks, it becomes apparent that we have the potential for a global news story coming up at any time now. I happened to be flying over the Exxon Valdez right after she hit the rocks and witnessed that lack of response which our Court system is still sorting out decades later. I've never noticed any BNSF/Tesoro/Savage emergency vehicles floating around Southwest Washington, but maybe they are just waiting for the right moment to appear? The citizens of Lac-Magantic, Quebec can probably share some stories with you on how this process will unfold after three dozen of their cohorts died in a rail related "energy abundance event" while they chilling on a summer eve this past July. The city of Vancouver, WA is making great strides towards redeveloping its city core and the idea that petroleum vapors wafting through won't take a toll is ludicrous. Take a trip to a fuel farm to sample these carcinogenic aromas for veracity.

In summary, while there could be a relatively small number of jobs related to these projects, the associated risks and impacts are too great. Not much upside here for Washington State, but definitely some serious downside potential! Thank you for your time. Jim Antisdel, Brush Prairie, WA

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**From:** Catherine Hamborg <chamborg@earthjustice.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2013 11:25 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Cc:** Kristen Boyles; Matthew Baca  
**Subject:** Scoping Comments on Proposed Tesoro-Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal: Application No. 2013-01; Docket No. EF-131590  
Scoping Comments 12-17-13.pdf; Scoping Comments Exhibits Index.pdf

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Attached is a PDF of the Scoping Comments on Proposed Tesoro-Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal: Application No. 2013-01; Docket No. EF-131590 submitted by Kristen L. Boyles and Matthew R. Baca, Earthjustice, on behalf of Columbia Riverkeeper, Friends of Columbia Gorge, Forest Ethics, Spokane Riverkeeper, Sierra Club, Washington Environmental Council, and Climate Solutions. I am also attaching a PDF of the Index to Exhibits 1-91 in support of the Comments. Due to the size and number of exhibits, the original of the Comments, Index, and a CD containing Exhibits 1-91 are also being placed in the mail to you today. Please let me know if you need any additional information and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

*Cathy*

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Martha.E.Barron-Michel@tsocorp.com  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 12:05 PM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal

Dear EFSEC Commissioners

I am a Tesoro employee from California 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:

- Spill prevention and spill response requirements that protect the environment
- Ability to comply with state and federal air quality emission standards
- Impact of the facility on local transportation infrastructure and public services
- Facility design that meets all relevant safety standards

I am concerned that conducting a SEPA EIS that looks beyond site-based facility impacts is an overreach that could dilute the core focus on this facility. This balanced approach is consistent with Washington's SEPA statutes and regulations and will protect the environment while also ensuring the state's ability to grow its economy.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Martha Barron-Michel

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Tonya Garrett <garrett\_tonya@cat.com>  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 12:06 PM  
EFSEC (UTC)  
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:

I urge you to assess the full impact of Tesoro Savage's proposal to ship 360,000 barrels of oil each day through Spokane, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Vancouver and the Columbia River. Oil-by-rail and export by ship is a bad 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.

The public safety and environmental impacts of the state's largest pipeline-on-wheels proposal deserve close scrutiny. For example, EFSEC must 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 increased risk of an oil tanker spill on Washington State waters and along the shipping route.
- The project's impact on climate change. This analysis should include climate change impacts from crude oil as well as tar sands oil from cradle to grave.

After carefully considering the safety, environmental, and climate risks associated with the project, I respectfully ask you to deny Tesoro Savage's application.

Thank you.

Tonya Garrett

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Sincerely,  
Dan Anderson