

## Docket EF-131590

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Sincerely,

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- 5) The impact of the project's cradle-to-grave CO2 emissions on the viability of the large oyster industry in Washington State.

After carefully considering the safety, environmental, and climate risks associated with the proposed oil terminal, I respectfully ask you to recommend the rejection of Tesoro-Savage's application.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Marilyn Vena <mwvena@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 8:58 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Comment on Docket No. EF-131590, Application No. 2013-01

**Categories:** Teal

Dec 19, 2013

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

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4) 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.

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After carefully considering the safety, environmental, and climate risks associated with the proposed oil terminal, I respectfully ask you to recommend the rejection of Tesoro-Savage's application.

Sincerely,

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**From:** peter.j.goggia@tsocorp.com  
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**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal

**Categories:** Teal

Dear EFSEC Commissioners

I am a Tesoro employee from Alaska 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,  
Pete Goggia

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**From:** Nancy Caponi <earthknwr@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 4:37 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

**Categories:** Teal

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:

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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.

Nancy Caponi

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Janet Rayor <stiltsinger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 6:28 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Comment on Docket No. EF-131590, Application No. 2013-01  
**Categories:** Teal

Dec 19, 2013

Mr. Stephen Posner  
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Dear Mr. Posner,

I urge you to recommend the rejection of Tesoro-Savage's proposal.

The public safety and environmental impacts of this proposal need scrutiny. For example, EFSEC must assess:

- 1) The large oyster industry is already in trouble in Washington State. The CO2 emissions from trains next to waterways and the threat of spills would likely destroy the industry's viability.
- 2) A large train-related oil spill or explosion along the rail route in Washington and beyond is a real threat. Recent derailment disasters have happened in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec and Alabama. The tragedy in Quebec, highlighted the extreme danger of the same type of oil and tankers that would be traveling through our communities. Forty-seven people died in that explosion and destroyed the town.
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Sincerely,

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Thank you.

Andres Garcia

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**From:** Georgii Billiris <georgiix@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you.

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