

Columbia Generating Station  
Order 873 – Synthetic Minor Permit  
Response to Public Comment

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) issued Order 873 on October 8, 2014. The order regulates air emissions from the Columbia Generating Station (CGS). The order is a minor synthetic permit in the form of an administrative order. A synthetic minor permit is issued when an emissions source voluntarily limits emissions below thresholds that would require a Title V permit.

EFSEC accepted public comment on the draft order and statement of basis from September 5, 2014, through October 6, 2014. EFSEC received one comment concerning the draft order. The comment was in the form of an email from Mr. Robert von Tobel.

Mr. von Tobel's comment:

To: EFSC Manager,

From: Robert von Tobel  
2038-139th Pl S E  
Bellevue, WA 98005

Re: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION ISSUANCE OF ORDER 873 [SYNTHETIC MINOR (AIR) PERMIT]

Dear Sir,

I oppose issuing a permit to allow any change to the nuclear power reactor at Richland, WA.

I firmly believe that until nuclear power plant waste can be disposed of safely we should immediately shut down all nuclear power plants and not permit construction of any new nuclear power plant.

The threat they pose to all life on the planet is not tolerable under any rationale.

Robert von Tobel

EFSEC Response: Comment noted.