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Draft environmental study released for proposed Vancouver oil terminal
Public invited to comment through Jan. 22

OLYMPIA, Wash. – Today the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) issued the [Draft Environmental Impact Statement \(DEIS\)](#) for the proposed Vancouver Energy project and are inviting the public to comment.

The purpose of the DEIS is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of constructing and operating the proposed terminal. The DEIS evaluates the impacts from construction, onsite operations, and offsite rail and vessel transportation. It also rates the level or degree of impacts related to earth resources, air quality, wildlife and vegetation, noise pollution, land and shoreline use, and environmental health, among others.

Starting today, the public will have until Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 to comment on the DEIS. Comments may be submitted [online](#), by mail to State of Washington, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504, or in person at two public comment hearings:

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016

1 p.m. – 11 p.m. or last speaker
Clark County Event Center at the Fairgrounds
Hall B
17402 NE Delfel Road
Ridgefield

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016

5 p.m. – 11 p.m. or last speaker
Centerplace Regional Event Center
2426 N Discovery Place
Spokane Valley

Comments received on the DEIS will be compiled, reviewed, and considered while developing the final environmental impact statement. After a thorough review of the terminal proposal, EFSEC will make a recommendation to Gov. Inslee, who ultimately makes the final decision to approve or deny the proposal.

For more information on the DEIS, [click here](#).

Tesoro Savage Petroleum Terminal LLC, also known as Vancouver Energy, applied for a site certification agreement from EFSEC to construct and operate the Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal at the Port of Vancouver, Washington. At full operation, the project would be capable of receiving up to 360,000 barrels of crude oil transported by train, per day, for delivery to refineries primarily located on the West Coast.

EFSEC was created by the state Legislature in 1970 to provide one-stop licensing for large energy projects. The council's responsibilities include siting large natural gas and oil pipelines, thermal electric power plants that are 350 megawatts or greater and their dedicated transmission lines, new oil refineries or large expansions of existing facilities, and underground natural gas storage fields.

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Editor's note: More information on this proposed project can be found at www.efsec.wa.gov.