



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
PO Box 43172 • Olympia, Washington 98504-3172

November 24, 2015

Dear Reader:

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) is conducting its review process as outlined in Chapter 80.50 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Title 463 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) for the proposed Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal (the Proposed Facility). In accordance with the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), EFSEC is the state lead agency and has issued the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for your review and comment. The DEIS is located on the EFSEC website at: www.efsec.wa.gov.

The proponent, Tesoro Savage Petroleum Terminal LLC, also known as Vancouver Energy (the Applicant) is a joint venture between Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC and Savage Companies. The Applicant has applied for a Site Certification Agreement to construct and operate a new crude oil terminal capable of receiving an average of 360,000 barrels of crude oil per day. At the Proposed Facility, the crude oil will be unloaded from trains, stored on-site, and loaded onto marine vessels at a marine terminal located at the Port of Vancouver in Clark County, WA. Marine vessels would deliver crude oil to refineries primarily located on the US West Coast.

EFSEC developed the DEIS using submittals from the Applicant and their consultant(s) in combination with additional analysis performed by EFSEC staff, its contractors and independent consultant. The purpose of the DEIS is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of constructing and operating the Proposed Facility.

EFSEC recognizes the value of your input in analyzing the potential impacts. Therefore, we are asking you to review the DEIS and provide comments. Comments should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the DEIS. We encourage you to submit relevant additional information, to respond to the methodologies, processes, impacts and mitigation measures identified in the DEIS.

During the SEPA scoping phase, EFSEC identified several areas of concern associated with the Proposed Facility. The DEIS evaluates impacts from construction, onsite operations, and offsite rail and vessel transportation, including a cumulative environmental impact analysis. The environmental resources analyzed in the DEIS are as follows:

- Earth Resources (including seismic hazards)
- Air Quality
- Water Resources
- Terrestrial Vegetation
- Terrestrial Wildlife
- Aquatic Species
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Environmental Health
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Transportation
- Public Services and Utilities
- Noise
- Land and Shoreline Use
- Visual Resources
- Recreation

The DEIS uses an impact rating scheme to characterize the level or degree of identified impacts. Impacts determined to be “Moderate” and “Major” are those deemed to be significant adverse impacts. The DEIS identifies possible mitigation measures to address significant adverse impacts and significant unavoidable adverse impacts.

The public comment period begins when the DEIS is issued. A minimum thirty day comment period is required by SEPA. However, in response to requests received by EFSEC, an additional fifteen days has been added to the comment period, the maximum allowed by SEPA, when the proponent does not agree to a longer comment period (WAC 197-11-455(7)). The public comment period begins on November 24, 2015 and ends at 11:59 pm on January 8, 2016.

Please submit your comments using one of the following methods:

Submit by Mail:

State of Washington
 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
 P.O. Box 43172
 Olympia, WA

Submit Online:

<http://www.efsec.wa.gov/Tesoro%20Savage/SEPA%20-%20DEIS/DEIS%20PAGE.shtml>

Submit In-Person:

At a public meeting (orally or in writing):

Vancouver, WA

January 5, 2016, 1:00 PM - 11PM or last speaker

Clark County Event Center at the Fairgrounds
 Hall B
 17402 NE Delfel Road
 Ridgefield, WA 98642

Spokane Valley, WA

January 7, 2016, 5:00 PM - 11PM or last speaker

Centerplace Regional Event Center
 2426 N. Discovery Place
 Spokane Valley, WA 99216

Comments received on the DEIS during the comment period will be compiled, reviewed and considered while developing the Final EIS. All comments and responses to comments received on the DEIS will be included in the Final EIS when issued.

For questions about the DEIS please contact: Sonia E. Bumpus: Phone: (360) 664-1363 or Email: sbumpus@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Posner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'P'.

Stephen Posner
EFSEC Manager