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**From:** Barbara Grafton <bargraft@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 14, 2013 5:46 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Vancouver Oil Terminal

Governor Inslee,

Please stand with the people of Washington and Oregon in opposition to the permits for the Vancouver oil terminal. The export of oil and coal last May, atmospheric levels of CO2 spiked beyond 400 parts per million. The last time that happened, the planet was much warmer and the oceans were 200 feet higher and the Permian mass extinction wiped out all life on earth.

Three thousand jobs in Washington State have already been jeopardized by the acidification of the waters in Willapa Bay from high atmospheric CO2 levels. There was talk last fall of adding antacids to our inland waters. The 99% of us need a liveable planet for future generations. We must transition to renewable energy sources and away from fossil fuel now.

Barbara Grafton  
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**From:** davidhamilton12@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 14, 2013 6:07 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal

Dear EFSEC Commissioners

I am a Savage employee and am writing in support of the Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal. As a Savage employee, I stand behind the company's commitment to safety and the environment. I have firsthand experience how important clean, efficient and safe operations are to Savage. A terminal run by Savage in Vancouver will bring the community jobs like mine. And I'm proud to say I work for this company, and I'm also proud of our impressive track record of integrity and social responsibility.

This terminal will also contribute to energy independence in the United States. I work in the Savage operation in and know 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 US refineries are currently forced to purchase from international sources. By allowing US crude to move through a US terminal to US refineries, Savage and Tesoro are supporting US energy independence and creating US jobs.

I urge the committee to keep site of the positive impact this terminal will have on the US economy. As a Savage employee and an American job holder, my family depends on the strength of the oil and gas market in the US. 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:

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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,  
david hamilton sr.

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**From:** tndgardens@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 14, 2013 9:46 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Proposed Tesoro Savage Oil Terminal in Vancouver, WA (Citizen Comment)

Comment submitted by:  
Diana Gordon  
December 14, 2013  
642 I Street  
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One of my major concerns about the proposed oil terminal at the Port of Vancouver is its location on alluvial soils.

Alluvial soils are composed of small particles of sand, clay, and other soils washed downstream over the centuries. In the event of an earthquake, they liquify. Structures located on them twist and rupture. The oil in this terminal is to be stored in huge tanks on this alluvial soil.

The Northwest has numerous earthquakes. For example, on December 1, 2013, there was a Magnitude 5.4 quake southwest of Gold Beach, Oregon, at a depth of 6.8 miles. Fortunately, no damage was reported this time, but the Pacific Northwest sits on a major fault line and geologists predict that there is a 37% chance that a catastrophic quake will hit us in the next 50 years.

I feel that it is extremely important the EIS should be broad and must examine all aspects of the impact of a major quake on the proposed oil terminal.

For example,

- \* If tanks rupture, could the berm prevent the oil from reaching the Columbia River and protect the river's ecosystem?
- \* If tanks rupture, would escaped oil percolate down into the soil and reach our aquifer which serves a large area?
- \* What would happen to a train en route to the terminal - wouldn't it end up spilling oil into the Columbia River?
- \* Is there any way to prevent a catastrophic fire in the event of a quake and how could fire crews possibly fight it?

Please include the impact of earthquakes on this proposed facility. Many of us in the Northwest have already retrofitted our homes to mitigate the effects of quakes. We know that a major earthquake alone will have a staggering effect on this region - to the environment, transportation, water supply, public safety, and so on. Adding loose oil to the mix could be catastrophic.

Thank You, Diana Gordon

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**From:** Judith Rogers <brushwrk@hughes.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 14, 2013 9:52 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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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.

Judith Rogers

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**From:** Kris Tohm <turtlewinds@care2.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 14, 2013 11:35 PM  
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Thank you.

Kris Tohm

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**From:** Pamela Orson <pamors@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 4:21 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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Thank you.

Pamela Orson

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Tesoro Savage CBR  
Scoping Comment:  
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**From:** sonja syne <sonjasyne@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 3:49 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you.

sonja syne

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**From:** Morgan Taylor <brighteyes\_1215@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 6:33 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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Thank you.

Morgan Taylor

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**From:** Tanya smith <twroxy29@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 6:40 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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Thank you.

Tanya smith

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**From:** Gail Massoll <gmassoll@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 7:00 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Oil Terminal

Please deny the permits for the Vancouver oil terminal. There are many reasons for this. Some things to consider include things like the impact of an oil spill on the salmon industry. This impact could last for years if not decades. A spill or leak could also severely impact the tourism industry and even other industries related to agriculture.

Gail Massoll  
922 NW 11th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97209

**From:** Matthieu Brillet <matthieugrillot@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 8:16 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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Thank you.

Matthieu Brillet

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**From:** baldeji@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2013 6:19 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Josue Balderas

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**From:** chris.atkins@safway.com  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2013 12:59 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** 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.

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Sincerely,  
Chris Atkins

**JTC)**

**From:** denis.i.kurt@tsocorp.com  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2013 1:47 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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Denis Kurt

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Joe Stivala

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**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 9:49 AM  
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Thank you.

Bernadette McCray

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**From:** Ginny Schneider <ginnyschneider@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 11:19 AM  
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Thank you.

Ginny Schneider

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**From:** judy Avery <judysspace@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 11:21 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Tesoro Crude Oil Depot at Vancouver

I would like to thank you for allowing Spokane to have a voice in the decision for Tesoro to build a crude oil terminal for the purpose of exporting this product in Vancouver, Washington.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend this meeting, but would like to ask you to not give approval to this project. Washington is trying to take the lead in decreasing it's carbon foot print. Building this terminal is a step in the wrong direction.

The Columbia River ecosystem is very fragile and has already been compromised by many different reasons. The leaking of radioactive waste from Hanford being a major one.

If this project is built, along with the possibility of a coal terminal, in this same area, the results over the years could be devastating to the river and all the areas that system encompasses.

Please look at the results of what happened in Kalamazoo, Michigan when tar sands crude oil was spilled into the Kalamazoo River from an aging pipeline. There are many toxic chemicals used like benzene, which causes neuro toxicity. The people in Kalamazoo are still having health issues from this and the oil company which was responsible for the spill has not wanted to take responsibility. Oil companies not wanting to taking responsibility seems to happen frequently.

All of Washington will be affected by this. We have a beautiful state. Let's keep it that way. There are other ways to bring business into Washington by supporting renewable energy sources. Washington a can be a leader in this.

Judy Avery  
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Chattaroy, WA 99003

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Tesoro Savage CBR  
Scoping Comment  
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**From:** Hannah Clifford <Hayhay812@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 11:39 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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- 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.

Hannah Clifford

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**From:** jlanglej@nalco.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 11:39 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** 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:

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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,  
Jill Langley

**UTC)**

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**From:** mikeans@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 11:49 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Vancouver Oil Terminal

The proposed terminal for oil export (as much as the public has been allowed to know about it) is a very high risk

proposition with very little foreseeable reward:

- 1.) The rail cars intended to be used have been known to be unsafe to transport flammables for years.
- 2.) Oil extracted by fraction is known to contain more toxic chemicals than oil from drilled wells.
- 3.) Companies using fraction are allowed to keep secret the chemicals used as proprietary information. Recovery procedures in the event of leaks and spills can hardly be effective if the nature of the toxics contained is unknown.
- 4) Proximity of the rail lines and the terminal itself to the Columbia River poses too great a risk to the environmental and economic life of the entire region.
- 5) Multiple oil trains moving 24/7 through residential and popular tourist areas will greatly devalue these properties.
- 6) Increased air pollution will create serious health problems for many people.
- 7) The Ridgefield wildlife are is adjacent to the proposed site. It is highly vulnerable to oil spills anywhere near.
- 8) The alleged number of jobs to be created will benefit only a few dozen local citizens. The financial windfall from this project will be to the gain of international capitalists. Any benefit to the domestic economy has not been substantiated.

Finally, on a global basis, the promotion of an increase in the use of fossil fuels is an irresponsible step to take when it is 95% certain that it will hasten the destructive effects of global warming. We have no reason to be complicit.

Michael Ansbro  
510 N Knoxville Way  
Vancouver, WA 98664-1214

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**From:** Dharma Gaynes <dzg54@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 12:22 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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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.

Dharma Gaynes

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**From:** Patricia Bigelow <pbigelow@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 12:23 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you.

Patricia Bigelow

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**From:** pandersonx@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 12:26 PM  
**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.

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:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Phil Anderson

**UTC)**

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**From:** Martha AND Irwin Spiegelman <spiegelmanmartha@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 12:30 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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Thank you.

Martha AND Irwin Spiegelman

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**From:** John Hrebin <john.hrebin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 1:00 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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Thank you.

John Hrebin

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**From:** Donna Pope <donna pope\_relo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 1:59 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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Thank you.

Donna Pope

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**(UTC)**

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**From:** Robin Halvorson <halvorsonrobin7152@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 3:00 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you.

Robin Halvorson

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**JTC)**

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**From:** Michelle Emry <pavlovsdoggies@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 3:43 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you.

Michelle Emry

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**From:** shelley frazier <fshell1602@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 4:33 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you.

shelley frazier

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**From:** SAWATDEE SANLAVUN <sanlavun@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 4:47 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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Thank you.

SAWATDEE SANLAVUN

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**From:** kaflatooni@Brinderson.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 5:09 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Tesoro Savage Vancouver Energy Distribution Terminal

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Sincerely,  
Kris Aflatooni

**From:** Tracy C <cyclwomn@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 5:20 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Oil Terminal

Dear Decision Makers,

I am asking you to reject any oil terminal anywhere. We need to immediately build infrastructure that focuses on renewable resources, and this is true for every country on Earth. Building an oil terminal and shipping oil anywhere only allows nations to forestall the inevitable. Not only is there limited supply of fossil fuels, but the burning of those fuels is putting our current way of life in peril.

Last May, for the first time since oceans were 200 higher, we reached 400 PPM of CO2 in our atmosphere. This is frightening! Allowing the oil terminal is most definitely adding to our carbon dioxide levels. Let's keep the carbon in the ground! NO to the oil terminal!

Sincerely,  
Tracy Ceravolo  
Ridgefield, WA

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**From:** Steven Freiman <stevefree123@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 5:25 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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Thank you.

Steven Freiman

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**(UTC)**

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**From:** Sarah Oswald <zerogirl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 5:37 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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Thank you.

Sarah Oswald

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**From:** gregg norman <stereofoam@live.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 5:40 PM  
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Thank you.

gregg norman

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**From:** Larry Weiss <larrymweiss@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 6:46 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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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.

Larry Weiss

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**From:** Kitty Hugenschmidt <kitty@pets-n-plants.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 6:53 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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**From:** Stephen Hulick <Kaweah50@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 8:17 PM  
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Stephen Hulick

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**From:** Kermit Brooms <dougbrooms@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 9:20 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Reference Application No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590: Please reject the proposed Tesoro Savage oil export terminal project

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Thank you.

Kermit Brooms

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**From:** David Wilson <wilson.dnabelle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 9:34 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** 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 lived in Bellingham for a few years and I hope to return soon. I very much appreciate the unique qualities of Washinton. I am dismayed at the possibility of coal transport and export through the state. The national interest as well is not served by this plan. 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.

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Thank you.

David Wilson

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**From:** Mary Fifield <mary@amazonpartnerships.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 10:22 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** oppose Tesoro-Savage oil terminal

Dear administrator,

I am writing to express my opposition to the contraction of an oil terminal in Vancouver, WA. As a Portland resident, I am concerned about the threat of a train derailment, increased train congestion, and other local issues. But as a human, I am deeply troubled by our continued extraction and consumption of fossil fuels, which the global scientific community has made clear are driving us toward a climate catastrophe.

I urge you to deny the permit for this terminal. The minimal short-term economic benefit of construction jobs will be far outweighed by the cost of fighting climate-created disasters.

Sincerely,  
Mary Fifield

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**From:** tndgardens@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 10:55 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Comment on scoping for Vancouver Oil Terminal

Dear Council,

I urge you, the Energy Facility Siting Evaluation Council (EFSEC), to include rail oil car safety in your scoping overview.

Also, I thank you for your Determination of Significance (DS) regarding the "adverse impact on the environment" of the Vancouver Oil Terminal.

Transporting oil by railcar has resulted in several accidents. In July, 2013, in Lac Megantic, Quebec, 72 tank cars derailed, crashed, and killed over 42 people. (L A Times, November 14, 2013, "Railroad Industry Urges Upgrade in Oil Tank Car Safety.") Other crashes have occurred, one in Alabama on November 8, 2013.

This article continues, "the crashes led the Federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to take the initial step to tighten safety standards on tank cars, calling on the public to file comments".

Also, the article states, "the Association of American Railroads filed comments", and "called for a number of tank car improvements". Many tank cars would need major improvements. 92,000 cars haul flammable liquids and 78,000 of these cars would have to be upgraded or phased out, "under the Association's proposal".

"Railroads hauled 25 times more tank cars in 2012 than they did in 2008, and the volume is continuing to rise this year".

We don't want unsafe oil tank cars transporting crude oil along the Columbia River, endangering both people and salmon.

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December 15, 2013

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**From:** Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Stella Sun  
<lunabluebell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 11:39 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Comment on Docket No. EF-131590, Application No. 2013-01

Dec 16, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Posner,

I'm writing regarding Docket No. EF-131590, Application No. 2013-01 to urge the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to assess the full environmental and public safety impact of the joint Tesoro-Savage proposal to turn the Port of Vancouver into a major crude oil export terminal.

If approved, the plan would result in 380,000 barrels of oil each day being shipped through Spokane, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Vancouver and other Northwest communities. Oil-by-rail is a bad deal for Washington State. The project comes at a steep price for rail communities and the Columbia River, yet offers few jobs in return. Based on the far reaching impacts of this project, I urge you to recommend the rejection of Tesoro-Savage's proposal.

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

1) The potential safety and environmental impacts of a large train-related oil spill or explosion along the rail route in Washington and beyond. Recent derailment disasters in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec and Alabama have shown that these risks are far too real. The tragedy in Quebec, in particular, 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, which also devastated the town.

2) The increased risk of an oil tanker spill on Washington State waters and along the shipping route.

3) The transportation and public health impacts of additional unit train traffic through communities along the proposed oil-by-rail route.

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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.

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.

*Ms. Stella Sun*

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

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Site Evaluation Council  
PO Box 43172  
Olympia, WA 98504-3172

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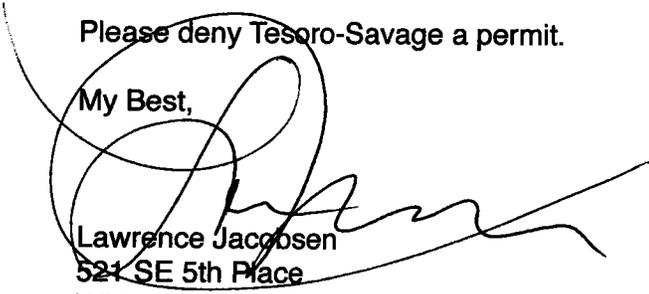
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The Columbia Gorge is a gem of the Pacific Northwest with valuable agricultural and tourism resources. A Lac-Mégantic scale disaster could cripple the region. Recovery would take decades.

Please deny Tesoro-Savage a permit.

My Best,



Lawrence Jacobsen  
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Craig Smith  
521 SE 5th Place  
White Salmon, WA 98672

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**From:** Judy Todd <yourscout@yournatureconnect.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2013 11:32 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Cc:** Judy Todd  
**Subject:** Testimony on Tesoro-Savage Proposal

December 15, 2013

TO: Stephen Posner, Interim Manager, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, P.O. Box 43172, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington 98504-3172  
Please include my concerns and comments in the testimony and evaluation regarding the TESORO-SAVAGE PETROLEUM TERMINAL PROPOSAL.

My name is Judy Todd. I was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, near Portland. I am 66 years old with 4 grandchildren for whom I am committed to a future on earth. Thus, I am writing in opposition to the Tesoro Savage Vancouver Oil Terminal and fossil fuel exports in our community.

***Why? Because this continuing hunt, find, transport and use of fossil fuels and the commensurate difficulties and destruction bring must end. Industrial expansion, corporate greed and more development must cease. We are killing ourselves and leaving a legacy of spoilage, death and destruction, potentially for thousands of ages, to all the living beings who are yet to come with this insanity. Our greed and dependency upon an industrial-complex generated ever expanding need for more and more must stop.***

THE TESORO-SAVAGE PETROLEUM TERMINAL PROPOSAL:

As I understand it, the proposal is for a 360,000 barrel per day crude terminal. Bakken crude fracked in North Dakota shale beds would arrive by rail (meaning two rail loops must be constructed) for transfer via pipeline to one of six 380,000 barrel capacity storage tanks, each 48' tall and 240' in diameter. Crude would be transferred from tanks via above-ground pipelines to 365 tankers per year for shipment to end users in the western US. Total pipeline laid would be over 38,000'. In addition, both the Port and City of Vancouver are investing in rail improvements.

***All the players in this destruction are poised to go forward, recklessly, and further impoverish our earth, air, water and lives. It really must be stopped. Now is the time!***

Why? Because it will:

- threaten species, including human and already endangered
- increase cumulative rail impacts already known of air, water and sound pollution
- increase the likelihood of degradation of the waters and adjoining lands due to vessel impacts and the possibility of accidental spills and likely losses in transport

***You are considering action which will degrade and despoil FURTHER, our home via the following:***

- Human health
- Fish, fisheries, other environmental changes already stressed
- Global climate contribution
- Public costs for rail infrastructure
- Fracking impacts on water in N.Dak.
- Vessel traffic/spill risk in the Columbia/Unimak Pass
- Rail traffic/accident risk/pollution

*Deny this action and permitting. Change the course of our potential slide into already increasing lives of desperation happening around the world. You can help.*

*Judy Todd, Pacific NW  
503-260-4995*

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**ATTN: App. No. 2013-01/Docket No. EF-131590**  
**Reject Tesoro Savage oil export terminal**

Jim Steitz  
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December 9, 2013

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Governor Jay Inslee  
Office of the Governor/PO Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
PO Box 43172  
Olympia, WA 98504-3172

Dear Governor Inslee and Washington EFSEC:

As a former resident of the Pacific Northwest, who retains great affection for my original home, I urge you to **reject the proposal of Tesoro Savage to ship 360,000 barrels of oil each day** through Spokane, Vancouver and the Columbia River.

This volume of oil would constitute an **unmitigated ecological disaster, in violent opposition to the state's objective of reducing carbon dioxide emissions.** The Washington State government has expressed an overall goal of moving toward a lower-carbon economy, and to avoid the worst impacts of global warming. If these goals are to have any meaningful policy expression within the agencies, tasked with carrying out a governor's policy, then the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council cannot issue this permit. This oil export terminal would be linked rail and Columbia River barge to some of the largest carbon bombs in North America, namely the Canadian tar sands and the Bakken oil shales of the Dakotas. **Human survival demands that this grave liability to our atmosphere remain securely underground.**

The Tesoro Savage terminal, and other proposals for fossil fuel infrastructure along the Pacific Northwest coast, would be especially and painfully ironic for a state that has otherwise made admirable and meritorious progress in shifting to clean energy and ecological sustainability more broadly. I can scarcely fathom the horrific reversal of ecological paradigm that The Tesoro Savage oil export terminal would constitute for **Washington State, whose role in the global energy infrastructure would invert from a leader in the low-carbon transition, to a conduit of death for the highest-carbon fuels on Earth.** The State of Washington has already committed itself to regional greenhouse gas reduction initiatives, and even though the initiatives are not yet self-enforcing, the Tesoro Savage terminal's 360,000 daily barrels of oil **would dwarf any carbon reductions attained in those frameworks. It therefore is a contrary and irreconcilable public policy to Washington's goals.**

Even before the climate impacts are considered, the immediate impacts to communities and landscapes between the oil sources and the departure point to the Pacific are numbing. The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area would be subverted into an industrial corridor. The cities of Spokane and Vancouver would suffer a diminution of their quality of life due to noise, air pollution, and the omnipresent eyesores of tankers occupying and displacing the otherwise pleasant sight of the Columbia River. Many other communities along the railroads further east would find additional hours of their day transformed into an acoustic and seismic barrage of rail traffic beyond anything they bargained for in joining that community. Moreover, the risk of a **single oil tanker spill in the precious waters of the Columbia River in and around its junction with the Pacific Coast cannot be overstated.** The coastline is a defining feature of both economic and aesthetic sustenance for Washington State, and no risk to its integrity should be contemplated.

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For all of these reasons, I urge you to immediately **reject the Tesoro Savage oil export terminal as contrary to the public interest of both Washington State and your fellow human beings** around the world who depend upon a habitable climate. Thank you for your attention to this urgent issue.

Sincerely,



Jim Steitz

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

December 11, 2013

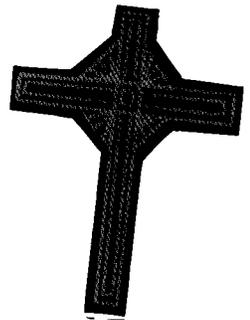
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Dear Mr. Posner,

It is one thing to transport and refine crude oil here in Washington state for our gas and fuel needs. But. . . when we transport and refine crude at the expense of our health and environment in order to export out of state or to foreign countries, it is unacceptable! U.S. exportation of these fuels to foreign countries is 65% higher than it was 2010 ( Energy Information Administration). It is a decaying society that allows unnecessary risks on the lives of its' citizens for corporate profit. Tens of thousands of citizens that live near oil refineries are at risk for cancers. There is the contamination of drinking water from fracking. There is also the oil spills that devastate oceans and their sea life (risking our food supply. Spills damage our communities when there is loss of life from derailments and explosions; and when oil reaches neighbors' living spaces and sewers. How many children NEED TO BE sacrificed (leukemia) for the sake of refining oil in order to INCREASE exportation of refined fuels to increase oil company profits?



How many more years can we live without a marked decline in our health from the mounting contamination of our air and drinking water? How badly do our waterways need to be contaminated, before we say **enough? Just one quart of oil can contaminate two million gallons of drinking water** or cause an oil slick covering eight acres. How many times will our representatives just turn their heads and pretend that they just don't see the contamination of our earth and the poisoning of our citizens? While they live in nicer, clean neighborhoods well away from railroads, fracking and oil refineries. **We need to invest in clean, new solar power plants not tax breaks for oil companies.** The revenue we could save from just one year's worth of four oil co. tax breaks is approximately

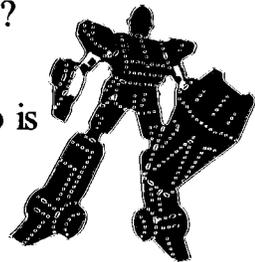


\$2.1 billion. That is nearly enough to cover the costs of the world's largest power plant Ivanpah, located in the Mojave desert, which cost \$2.1 billion.

**History proves that a new terminal would only be a license for oil companies to produce more oil therefore increase the levels of contamination and health risks of U.S. citizens.** If California wants crude to refine, then they need to arrange for it to be transported down from North Dakota to them by rail, not through our Washington state towns and ocean waters! We have enough of our own pollution to deal with creating fuel for our needs! It is not right to make us suffer so Californian oil refineries can refine crude and so oil companies can make huge profit from exporting fuels to foreign countries.

When are we going to invest fully in Solar Power like we do fossil fuels? The damage from fracking and oil spills are already irreparable! The lives of cancer victims are already lost. When is this irresponsible, vicious cycle going to stop?

It isn't about how cheaply oil companies can transport their oil, it is about who is being crushed so they can make absorbent profits. In the meantime they lobby millions to bully their way into towns where they are not wanted. What do we get in return for this pillaging? A few dirty jobs, higher costs of maintaining railroad tracks, bills for over 20 million per railroad bridge, noise, traffic and diesel fumes, the burden of cleaning up spills, and more pollutants to be held in by our inversion layers in winter months.



This country is suppose to be for the people, not the corporations. Oh, I forgot corporations are people. So why then do some people have the right to destroy our countries' air, and water; and the health of other citizens for their own personal profit? Then we reward them with tax breaks!! Please stand up for what is right and honorable. Please reject this proposal for a new distribution terminal. Thank you for reading through this very crucial letter. Blessings on you and your family members.



**Teresa Y. Nevins**

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