

Key Facts on Riverside Oil Refinery and Crude-by-Rail Terminal

Another crude-by-rail proposal on the Columbia—and an oil refinery, too.

- Riverside Refining LLC proposes trans-loading explosive Bakken crude—and refining 30,000 barrels of crude per day—at the Port of Longview, WA.
- Riverside Refining LLC would bring Bakken crude to Longview by rail and send tankers carrying crude oil and refined petroleum through the environmentally sensitive Columbia River estuary.
- Riverside Refining LLC and the Port of Longview have been discussing the refinery for months behind closed doors.

Crude-by-rail and oil refineries don't belong in our communities, or on the Columbia.

- Crude-by-rail is extremely dangerous. Even new-generation rail tank cars are only puncture resistant up to 12 miles per hour.
- Oil refineries emit carcinogens and neurotoxins into the air we breathe.
- Riverside Refining LLC's proposed refinery would be less than a quarter mile from homes and commercial businesses in Longview.
- A major oil spill in the Columbia River would devastate important economic, cultural, and environmental resources like salmon habitat and salmon fisheries.

Dirty Bakken crude and biofuels don't mix.

- Washington doesn't need to refine more dirty Bakken crude in order to make biofuels.
- A biofuels refinery already sits idle across the Columbia River, at Port Westward, OR. The only activity at the Columbia Pacific Bio-Refinery is a crude oil trans-loading operation.
- Riverside Refining LLC would not use American crops to make biofuels initially. Some refineries import Indonesian palm oil to make biodiesel, but palm oil plantations destroy rainforests and biodiversity, and have large carbon footprints.

Riverside has ongoing legal problems.

- After their biofuels-related business in Odessa, WA, tanked, backers of Riverside Refining LLC may owe an agricultural supply company almost \$2 million. A recently filed court case alleges that Riverside Refining LLC's backers lied on credit applications, under-capitalized their business, and lined their own pockets instead of paying outstanding debts.