

Please Attend! Tesoro Savage Industrial Stormwater Permit Public Meeting

Washington's Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) is accepting public comment on the draft industrial stormwater pollution discharge permit for the Tesoro Savage proposal. This permit is one of several individual permits required for the proposed 360,000-barrel-per day oil train terminal. We are urging EFSEC to deny the stormwater permit as well as the overall project.

When: Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Time: 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM or until last speaker (whichever comes first). Rally outside before the hearing!

Where: Clark College Columbia Technical Centre located at 18700 SE Mill Plain Blvd
Vancouver, WA 98683.

Talking Points for Tesoro Savage Industrial Stormwater Permit

- Under Washington state law, Tesoro must show that the “lowering of water quality is necessary and in the overriding public interest.” EFSC must consider “the benefits and costs of the social, economic, and environmental effects associated with the lowering of water quality.”
- Tesoro fails to show that “the lowering of water quality is necessary.” EFSC fails to explain why Tesoro cannot invest in technology to remove pollution or why the proposed facility could not be a zero discharge operation.
- Tesoro fails to demonstrate an “overriding public interest” for the nation’s largest oil-by-rail terminal. Here are a few reasons why:
 - Tesoro would increase oil spill risks and potentially damage critical salmon habitat, drinking water, and other uses of the Columbia River.
 - The oil terminal and its trains would threaten the health and safety of Vancouver residents and people who live in towns along the rail line. This is contrary to “an overriding public interest.”
 - Tesoro’s “social, economic, and environmental effects” will harm Vancouver and other communities, not benefit them. The City of Vancouver and others have testified to the potential negative impacts of the Tesoro project as a whole, including identifying the potential for \$5 billion or more in damages in a worst-case oil train derailment.
 - Expert testimony has shown that Tesoro’s project is unnecessary for meeting Washington’s energy needs. We have safer, cleaner, and more climate-friendly ways of meeting our needs than oil trains.

- EFSC must review and approve a Spill Control Plan before issuing a pollution permit for the nation's largest oil by rail terminal. As drafted, the permit leaves the public in the dark about what steps Tesoro would take in the event of an oil spill.
- EFSC must protect people that regularly eat fish caught in the Columbia River. As drafted, the permit ignores the state's recently adopted standards for toxic pollution—including cancer-causing pollutants.
- Stormwater pollution is the leading cause of degraded water quality in the United States. Yet Tesoro's proposed stormwater pollution permit fails to inform the public about the specific engineering plans and procedures that Tesoro would employ to protect salmon from harmful toxic pollution.
- EFSC should deny the industrial stormwater pollution permit for the Tesoro Savage oil terminal, and it should deny the proposal overall. EFSC should reject all permits and authorizations for a project that would bring up to five loaded trains each day through the Columbia River Gorge – trains just like the one that derailed and spilled in Mosier. The Tesoro oil terminal and its trains pose an overriding public danger, not an “overriding public interest.”