

TO: ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

RE: Preliminary determination to approve issuance of the notice of construction permit application for Vancouver Energy

The CLARK COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN (and MEN) VOTERS has been diligent in following and researching the Tesoro/Savage proposal to construct and operate an oil storage and distribution center on the shore and adjacent lowlands of the Columbia River, in Vancouver, WA.

The proposal to approve a permit for the construction of the entire project at this time seems to imply that the project has been or will be certainly approved, which is definitely not the case. The information supplied with this permit application does not appear to have clear answers for all the questions of importance in the potential operations. It also doesn't mention the transportation problems in both rail and water areas, as being strongly detrimental to the entire project plan.

Much of the information presented in this application seems to be based on inadequate/incomplete data. The plans rely on future study to provide solutions, and in many cases do not reference the most severe potential problems and hazards.

The concerns we have identified in our past testimony still have not been adequately addressed by Tesoro/Savage. These original concerns remain, as have been submitted to EFSEC in our comments of December 6, 2013 and January 16, 2016.

The site, designated as a major seismic hazard area, is not suitable for this use.

We cannot support this application .

This project should not go forward and the construction permit should be denied.

Respectfully submitted by Clark County League of Women Voters Action Committee:

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