



RIVER COMMUNITIES UPDATE July 2013

Largest Crude Oil Terminal on West Coast

This Tuesday, July 23, the Port of Vancouver (Port) is set to vote on a proposal by Tesoro/Savage to ship up to a staggering 380,000 barrels of crude oil each day along the Columbia River, a proposal that comes with no public safety or emergency response plan. The proposed oil terminal would require at least 4 full trains per day to run through Columbia Gorge communities and Vancouver neighborhoods. The Port can deny the proposal or require more information about public safety and emergency response before they vote.

[Learn About the Tesoro/Savage Proposal](#)



Photo by Paul K Anderson

PUBLIC MEETING

On Monday, July 22, from 7-9PM, the day before they are set to vote, the Port is holding a public meeting on the Tesoro/Savage proposal, which is the largest proposed crude oil terminal on the west coast. Join us at the public meeting to voice opposition to the Tesoro/Savage proposal - the health and safety of our river and communities is at stake.

[Attend the Port's July 22 Public Meeting](#)

Vigil to Honor Victims in Oil Train Tragedy

Join friends and neighbors to honor the lives lost and missing from the July 6th oil train derailment in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, Canada. The derailed train originated from the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota. Donations for Lac-Mégantic will also be collected at the vigil. This tragedy hits close to home; the Port of Vancouver is scheduled to vote, July 23, on a proposal that would bring 4 oil trains per day through the Northwest.



Photo by Transportation Safety Board of Canada

[Attend the Vigil, Donate to Victims & the Lac-Mégantic Community](#)

Touring the Proposed LNG Pipeline Route

Over the 4th of July holiday weekend folks gathered to tour part of the proposed Oregon LNG pipeline route. If approved, Oregon LNG's proposed 36-inch, high-pressure, non-odorized pipeline would cut through farms and forests to ship natural gas to a proposed terminal in Warrenton, Oregon for export to high-priced overseas markets.



Photo by Leon Jackson

[Learn More About Tour & LNG Export Proposal](#)

Hanford Plan Fails to Protect Columbia

Earlier this week the Tri-Party agencies released their [Proposed Plan](#) for cleanup of 40 square miles on the southern corner of the Hanford Site, also known as the 300 Area. Unfortunately, their plan relies on experimental technology and natural attenuation to treat the pollutants in the soil and groundwater. This strategy fails to protect the Columbia.



[More About the Proposed Plan & How You Can Submit Comments](#)

Paddling the Hanford Reach

Last weekend blue skies and calm winds accompanied 17 Riverkeeper guests and staff through the heart of America's nuclear landscape, which is also the wildest section of the Columbia River in the United States. The trip included stunning views of decommissioned reactors & abundant wildlife along the river's edge. A few spots are still open on our July 27-28, 2013 trip.

[Sign up today!](#)

[Last Weekend's Paddle & Photos](#)



DEQ: Protect Oregon from Dirty Coal

On July 9th, Oregon DEQ held all day, public hearings on draft air quality permits for the Morrow Pacific project in Portland & Hermiston. DEQ organized the hearing so people could not join together and watch testimony. So we held our own [hearing & rally](#) outside. The resounding testimonial both inside and out was that DEQ can protect Oregon from coal exports - and they should by denying the permits!



YOU CAN HELP!

DEQ's public comment period has been extended to August 12. Submit your comment today:

[Sign Our Petition](#)

[Submit Written Comments](#)



Nesting Eagles Return to Hanford

This year, a pair of bald eagles built a nest at the Hanford Site, near the Columbia River, and reared a pair of eaglets. This is the first time in more than 50 years that a pair of bald eagles has successfully nested at Hanford and eaglets have hatched. The chicks are now 12 weeks old, and ready to take flight, and reap the rewards of growing up on the Hanford Reach.



Bald eagle chicks. USFWS/Photo by Dave Menke

[Read More About the Nesting Bald Eagles at Hanford](#)

IN MEMORY OF LOLITA CARL & RHYS HARRIMAN

We are saddened by the passing of two great river advocates and friends. Their passion for a better place carries on.

[Read More About Lolita](#)
[Read More About Rhys](#)



EVENT CALENDAR

NOW - AUGUST 12

[Comment Period On Permits For Morrow Pacific Coal Export Project](#)

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is accepting comments on draft air quality permits for the Morrow Pacific coal export project. The comment period has been extended through August 12.

NOW - AUGUST 16

[Comment Period On Proposed Plan for Cleanup of Hanford's 300 Area](#)

The Tri-Party Agreement agencies recently released their Proposed Plan for cleanup of Hanford's 300 Area. The public has until August 16 to submit comments on the plan.

JULY 22

[Vigil to Honor the Lives Lost in the Lac-Mégantic Oil Train Tragedy](#)

6:00PM. Port of Vancouver. Vancouver, WA. Join friends and neighbors to honor the lives lost and missing from the July 6th oil train derailment and explosion in the city of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec. Monetary donations will also be collected at the vigil.

[Public Meeting About Proposed Oil Terminal at Port of Vancouver](#)

7:00PM. Port of Vancouver. Vancouver, WA. Join us on July 22 in voicing opposition to the Tesoro/Savage proposal to build the largest crude oil terminal on the west coast at the Port of Vancouver, the day before Commissioners are set to vote on the proposal.

JULY 26 - AUGUST 11

[2013 Peace Walk for a Nuclear Free Future](#)

Walk begins in Portland, Oregon and ends in Bangor, Washington.

JULY 27-28

[Riverkeeper's Annual Hanford Paddle Trip](#)

Join us for an exciting paddle adventure in Eastern Washington on the Columbia River's free-flowing Hanford Reach. The weekend trip also includes a tour of Hanford's B-reactor. A few spots are still open. Sign up today!

JULY 30, JULY 31, AUGUST 8

[Public Meetings on Proposed Plan for Cleanup of Hanford's 300 Area](#)

The Tri-Party Agreement agencies will be holding three public meetings (in Richland, WA, Seattle, WA & Hood River, OR) on their Proposed Plan for cleanup of Hanford's 300 Area.

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