

RIVER COMMUNITIES UPDATE November 2013

Hundreds Rally Against Oil Terminal

Four hundred people, including a local fire battalion chief, a local pastor, labor leaders, and public health advocates, sent a clear message to the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) and Governor Inslee at their October 29 public hearing: REJECT DIRTY OIL. They called on EFSEC to evaluate the public safety, climate, human health, economic, and environmental risks of a massive oil terminal proposed in Vancouver.



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Support Riverkeeper Through Give!Guide

Riverkeeper is honored to be a part of this year's Give!Guide. Help us clean up the Columbia AND get yourself some river time. If you have yet to support Riverkeeper or want to make your year end gift, then there's a very sweet deal for you. Give \$100 or more and get a free guided kayak trip to Willamette Falls with eNRG Kayaking! Also, give just \$10 or more and you will get a free cup of coffee, scoop of ice cream, and other amazing prizes. You will need to give before the end of the year, so why not cross this off your list today? [Donate now!](#)

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One Leaking Tank at Hanford is Too Many

A sigh of relief rang through the offices of the U.S. Department of Energy last week when they reported "just one" of Hanford's single shelled tanks storing nuclear waste is leaking. But, relief just doesn't seem like the correct reaction. After all, they're confirming that about 300 gallons of nuclear waste is escaping from tank T-111 every year into the ground, just miles from the Columbia.



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DEQ: Deny Oregon LNG Permits

On November 12, over 80 people urged Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to use its authority to reject the Oregon LNG project at a public hearing on their permit applications. Oregon LNG cannot build its proposed LNG export terminal without these air and water pollution permits and DEQ has the authority to deny them. DEQ is accepting written comments on these permit applications until November 22. [Please submit your comment today!](#)



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Comment Period for Oil Terminal Extended

On the heels of a large public turnout at the October 29 hearing, Washington's Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) extended its [comment period until December 18](#) for the massive oil terminal proposed at the Port of Vancouver. EFSEC also announced they would hold [another hearing](#) in Spokane, Washington, on December 11.



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Comment today: [Sign our petition!](#)

Another Permit Extension Granted

Oregon's only remaining coal export terminal proposal has been dealt another blow. Ambre Energy once again failed to deliver the requested information for its permit application to Oregon's Department of State Lands and was granted its sixth extension. Ambre Energy now has until April 30, 2014, to address the agency's significant questions about how its proposal impacts fishing, tribal rights, and public health.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SCOTT & TRACY PRESCOTT MACGREGOR
Clatskanie, OR

Scott and Tracy Prescott MacGregor own a small farm in Clatskanie, Oregon, where they grow almost all of their own food. They absolutely love the area, their farmer neighbors, the wildlife, and the town. Before small farm life called their names, Tracy and Scott lived and worked in Portland. Tracy spent 20 years in the animation industry. Scott worked in the theater business. Tracy and Scott got involved with Riverkeeper through our similar interest in stopping the local port's proposal to rezone over 800 acres of farmland for heavy industrial development. Their farm is immediately adjacent to the proposed rezone.

[Read More About Scott & Tracy](#)



EVENT CALENDAR

NOW - NOVEMBER 22

[Comment Period on Oregon LNG's Water & Air Pollution Permit Applications](#)

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is currently accepting comments on Oregon LNG's water and air pollution permit applications for their proposed LNG terminal in Warrenton, Oregon. The public has until November 22 to submit comments.

NOW - DECEMBER 18

[Comment Period on Proposed Oil Terminal in Vancouver, Washington](#)

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) is currently accepting comments on Tesoro Savage's proposal to build a massive oil terminal on the Columbia River in Vancouver. EFSEC will make a recommendation to Governor Inslee and, then, the Governor will make the final decision to deny or approve the terminal. The public has until December 18 to submit comments. [Sign our petition!](#)

DECEMBER 10

[No Nukes NW Public Forum](#)

6:30PM. First Unitarian Church Eliot Chapel. Portland. This forum will give the public the opportunity to ask questions to a stellar panel about Fukushima, Hanford, Columbia Generating Station and, in turn, receive truthful answers to some very deep problems. Riverkeeper's Conservation Director, Dan Serres, will be on the panel of speakers discussing Hanford.

DECEMBER 11

[Public Hearing on the Proposed Oil Terminal in Vancouver, Washington](#)

6:00PM. Center Place Regional Event Center. Spokane Valley. The Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) is holding another public hearing on Tesoro Savage's proposal to build a massive oil terminal on the Columbia River in Vancouver.

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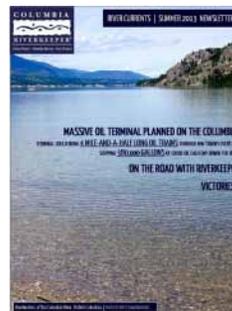


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