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Subject: Oil trains and the Army Corps of Engineers
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From Mark Leed – Sierra Club SW Washington -- Chair
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To Mayor Frank Cox and councilmembers

Dear Mayor and all,

Some members of the statewide Power Past Coal Coalition have asked Senator Murray to apply pressure on the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct an EIS for the Tesoro Savage docks, but we're concerned she may get distracted.

It seems to me, it would be in the interest of Stevenson to write a letter to office of Senators Murray and Cantwell, and also to the Army Corps.

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Here is the letter I sent.

We are requesting the Senator's office submit a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers requesting a Public Interest Test Permit and EIS for the proposed Tesoro Savage oil terminal in Vancouver WA. This type of permit is also known as the Rivers and Harbors Section 10 Permit.

The Army Corps of Engineers is currently considering authorizing the Tesoro Savage project through a Nationwide Permit 3 process. This is a one-size-fits-all permit used for maintenance. It does not require an Environmental Assessment or an EIS.

The Nationwide Permit 3 Program allows the Corps to issue general permits for categories of activities that have minimal impacts.

ILWU local 4 is concerned that an oil spill on the Columbia would impact barge traffic from upriver and ocean going ships from Vancouver, Portland, Kalama, and Longview.

The Tesoro Savage proposal would be the largest oil trans-loading facility in the United States. It would have enormous impacts both locally and regionally, both in terms of salmon recovery, hydro-power, and public safety.

The Corps has the discretion to require an applicant to apply for and obtain an individual Rivers & Harbors Act Section 10 Permit instead of an NWP 3. If the Corps requires that an applicant obtain an individual Rivers & Harbors Act Section 10 Permit, the Corps must prepare an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act. It is our opinion that this project meets the criteria by which a Section 10 Permit and an EIS should be required.

Please send your letter requesting this to:

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Sincerely,

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