



## **Big Nail in the Coffin for Massive Tesoro-Savage Crude-By-Rail to Ship Terminal**

***Would have transported unprecedented volumes of North Dakota and Canadian crude oil to California refineries***

Nov 29, 2017 -- In a surprising unanimous decision, yesterday afternoon the State of Washington EFSEC (Energy Facility Site Evaluate Council) recommended that the Governor of Washington reject the 360,000 barrel-per-day proposed Tesoro-Savage rail to ship crude oil terminal in Vancouver Washington. The Governor has 60 days for his final decision after the recommendation is formally submitted. It is very unlikely the Governor would reverse this decision. After evaluating impacts including risks of spills in the Columbia River, and after the crude oil train explosion last year next to an elementary school, [officials concluded the public good weighed in favor of rejection when considering need for the project versus risks](#). This facility would have transported mostly North Dakota Bakken crude, known for rail car explosions and high benzene content, but also would transport large quantities of Canadian tar sands crude, which is extremely heavy and corrosive.

Tesoro previously touted the proposed Vancouver terminal as the main route it would use to bring Bakken crude oil in large volumes to the largest West Coast refinery, where it is merging and expanding two oil refineries in Wilmington and Carson (Los Angeles region). [CBE is currently in court](#) with the South Coast Air Quality Management District for its failure to identify significant harms. Tesoro has stated to investors it has been evaluating other means to bring North Dakota crude to LA, even if the Vancouver permit is rejected. There are multiple options through existing Pacific Northwest terminals, Bakersfield rail to pipeline, potential Bay Area terminals, and other routes, through a combination of rail, pipelines, and ship transport. These will require new scrutiny.

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--**U.S. News article:** <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/washington/articles/2017-11-28/panel-washington-governor-should-not-approve-oil-terminal>

-- **Washington state panel unanimously rejects Tesoro Savage oil terminal:**  
<https://seekingalpha.com/news/3314945-washington-state-panel-unanimously-rejects-tesoro-savage-oil-terminal>