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Subject: Please oppose the NEXT renewables development at Port Westward!



Hello Margeret Magruder, Henry Heimuller, and Casey Garrett,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing with my concerns for the NEXT renewables plant proposed at Port Westward. I am a homeowner in North Portland, just upstream along the Columbia, and I regularly enjoy the beauty of the Columbia River corridor along Highway 30.

In addition to impacting the health and safety of human neighbors, I am concerned about local bird and salmon habitat that would suffer with continued development of the site. This area is an important estuary, located in a bend along the river--it would be a mistake to locate huge quantities of diesel fuels there, with the potential for spills and other hazardous waste products contaminating the water.

Additionally, this is not a long-term sustainable plan. With the coming advent of climate change, flooding patterns along the Columbia will become increasingly intense. It is a short-term fallacy to build heavy industry along the floodplains of the Columbia.

I am concerned about the track record of Christopher Efird; it appears under the guise of a different business, has caused irreparable damage via toxic waste in Odessa, WA and left taxpayers with the cleanup bill. He has not adequately addressed this history, and a third-party review of the situation is needed. Let's not make the same mistake!