

## Concerns around the NEXT "Renewable" Biodiesel Project

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Hello.

I am writing today to express my concerns around the NEXT Biodiesel project.

It has been brought to my attention, by Columbia Riverkeepers, that there are serious concerns around this project! As a citizen of the Northwest, I of course want to support renewable energy, but this NEXT project has all of the trappings of a greenwashed branding stunt, in my opinion.

I don't trust it, based on the information Riverkeepers has provided to me, and I don't think you should either! Apparently, high profile individuals associated with this project have left environmental devastation in local communities they have worked in, in the past. Is this the kind of legacy you want your constituents to judge you on?

In addition, there appears to be a strong connection between BP and this project, a company with a terrible environmental track record. This appears to me to be a big-ag ploy to greenwash a spot to dump their environmentally unsustainable ag products and make a huge amount of money on them ( including palm oil, which according to the Sierra Club, is a major driver of deforestation and climate change ) while leaving your local community with the environmental "bill."

If the data I have is accurate, I urge you to say no to the application from NEXT Renewable Fuels.

Very sincerely,  
Sean Patrick

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