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Subject: NEXT Renewables proposal: manufacturing facility at the Port of Columbia County's Port Westward Industrial Park in Clatskanie

I am deeply concerned about and against the NEXT Renewables proposed project of a manufacturing facility at the Port of Columbia County's Port Westward Industrial Park in Clatskanie. I am concerned that the NEXT project, both the refinery and rail spur, are **not** consistent with the adjacent uses. The impacts of rail traffic, water pollution, air pollution, and gas flare emissions **all** impact the health and safety of neighbors. I am against the project as I think it will endanger the health and safety of neighbors. Please STOP the project at Westward Industrial Park in Clatskanie.

Some history:

Christopher Efird and until recently, Louis Soumas have a history of bad business in this region. It is difficult to understand this because they have worked under a number of company names. Despite their Texas-origin, these two men have unsettling ties to Washington State. There is an ongoing lawsuit against them for a failed biofuels venture in Odessa, Washington, that left many people suddenly unemployed and a huge toxic mess. They are also known for attempting to open a massive crude oil refinery in Longview WA. People all along the Columbia River fought against this proposal and this project was ultimately denied.

Thank you for your time. Please vote against the project and FOR the neighbors and the environment.

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