

Reject NEXT Renewable Fuels Project

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Dear Commissioners,



My name is Allyson Dugan and I live in Portland, Oregon. I strongly urge you to reject the NEXT Renewable Fuels project. It is not clear that the NEXT Energy project will benefit the community. What can be counted on is a negative impact to the wetland and riparian areas.

NEXT has a history of leaving communities with environmental contamination. The Transmissis Columbia Plateau failure and cleanup site in Odessa, WA, raises questions about NEXT's trustworthiness. What are the accountability mechanisms for any leaks, spills, air pollution, etc. caused by this project? What does the agricultural community think about this proposal and potential impact? I am not against renewable fuels however this specific project is proposed in an ecologically and agriculturally valuable space and I do not believe we can trust that there will not be serious consequences if it moves forward. I believe NEXT Energy should consider project proposals at alternative sites.

Please reject the application from NEXT Renewable Fuels to protect our local farmers and wildlife.

Sincerely,
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