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Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to comment. My name is Max Savishinsky, and I am the Executive Director of Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility. Our organization represents over 900 health professionals and advocates working to promote public health, including many in Tacoma (some of whom can't join us tonight because they are seeing patients!)

Oil transport, refining and storage creates serious risks and hazards for human health and water quality. Crude oil exposure during spill and cleanup increases the risk of neurotoxicity, cancer, lung disease, loss of cognitive function, and endocrine disruption in humans. Dispersant chemicals used in cleanup are also highly toxic and associated with increased risks of cancer, lung and endocrine diseases. This facility handles heavy tar sands oil, which is particularly harmful should such an incident occur.

With this in mind, please ensure that this permit does not allow for any change of use in this facility. Should such a change of use occur, we ask that Ecology initiate another public comment process in order to review any facility expansions that should require a new updated permit. Please also implement numerical standards for pollutants and ensure that US Oil meets water quality standards before discharging stormwater.

We thank Ecology for requiring an updated Pollution Prevention Plan and additional requirements to ensure the protection of the Salish Sea and human health from these serious risks. Please ensure that this permit does not allow any expansion of operations without additional review.