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Subject: Moratorium on expansion projects in Cherry Point hydrocarbon industry

It is vitally important to safeguard public health and safety in your jurisdiction, Whatcom County.

I am against the construction of any further facilities at Cherry Point for the storage or trans-shipment of hydrocarbon products (crude oil, refined products, byproducts, natural gas, butane, propane, etc).

Any increased storage and handling of these substances poses unacceptable risks to public health and safety, as well as to the biological health of the Salish Sea through which the increased tanker traffic would navigate.

The differences between hydrocarbon products and explosives are very subtle. Increased shipment by rail of these products would cause negligent exposure of the Whatcom County public (not not mention our neighbors) to the dangers of explosions. For example, "liquid petroleum gas" (mainly propane and butane) by rail would, in the case of a ruptured rail car, spread laterally at ground level and then form a potent fuel-air explosion. What if this happens in a town? Through what lack of prudence would we want to expose our population to increased risk of fuel-air explosions? What will you say to Bellingham after its downtown and Old Town neighborhoods are consumed in a fuel-air explosion?

Likewise the contemplated increase in storage of hydrocarbon product at Cherry Point poses a regional health and safety threat.

So, to conclude: ***Cherry Point must be required to operate under a strict guideline of no increase in storage or trans-shipment volume.***

Under the moratorium on new construction and facilities, Cherry Point will continue to

operate and to provide the jobs it currently does. But that is not what British Petroleum will be satisfied with. Rather, they want to reach for increased levels of petroleum trans-shipment, in complete and negligent disregard of public health and safety.