

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that on August 31, 2015, the City of Hoquiam (Hoquiam) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) will issue two Draft Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for the following projects: Westway Expansion Project (Westway) and Imperium Expansion Project (Imperium). The Westway proposal and the Imperium proposal are two separate projects, however, due to similarities in the proposals and the areas of study, Ecology and Hoquiam agreed to combine the open house sessions and public hearings.

Hoquiam and Ecology are the responsible officials for the environmental reviews under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and City of Hoquiam Municipal Code.

The projects are located within Grays Harbor County at the Port of Grays Harbor in the cities of Hoquiam and Aberdeen.

Westway Terminal Company LLC proposes to expand its existing bulk liquid storage terminal to allow for the receipt of crude oil unit trains, storage of crude oil, and shipment of crude oil by ship or barge from the Port of Grays Harbor Terminal 1. Five (5) internal floating roof storage tanks would be constructed on the site to the south of Westway's existing bulk storage tanks. The new tanks would each have a capacity of 200,000 barrels for a project total storage capacity of 1,000,000 barrels. The annual maximum throughput would be 17,855,000 barrels per year. The existing rail facility on the site would be expanded from two (2) short spurs with a total of 18 loading/unloading spots to four (4) longer spurs with a total of 80 loading/unloading spots. A new pipeline would connect the new tanks, via an existing pipeline bridge, to the Port's Terminal 1. Construction of the expanded rail facility would involve demolition of an existing wood frame warehouse and construction of additional office space and support facilities. No in-water work is proposed. The company estimates that terminal operations would consist of 458 unit trains a year (loaded and empty) or 1.25 trains every day. The company estimates that the terminal operations would consist of 198 to 238 barges a year (99 to 119 entry and departure transits).

Imperium Terminal Services proposes to expand its existing bulk liquid storage terminal to allow for: the receipt, storage, and shipment of biofuels such as ethanol and additional feedstocks for biofuel production such as used cooking oil/waste vegetable oil and animal fat; petroleum products including naphtha, gasoline, vacuum gas oil, jet fuel, no.2 fuel oil, no. 6 fuel and kerosene; crude oil; and renewable fuels such as renewable diesel and renewable jet fuel. Imperium is also applying for permits to store the following additional bulk liquids in the existing tanks: used cooking oil, waste vegetable oil, animal fats, naphtha, gasoline, vacuum gas oil, jet fuel, no. 2 fuel oil, no. 6 fuel oil, kerosene, crude oil, renewable diesel, and renewable jet fuel. The bulk liquids could be shipped by rail, trucks, ships, or barges to and from the facility from the Port of Grays Harbor Terminal 1. Up to nine (9) storage tanks would be constructed on the site to the north/northwest of Imperium's existing bulk storage tanks. The new tanks would each have a capacity of 80,000 barrels for a project total storage capacity of up to 720,000 barrels. The annual maximum throughput would be 30,000,000 barrels per year. Approximately 6,100 feet of track in multiple new rail spurs would be constructed on site in connection with the

existing rail line and the existing rail yard would be expanded. Pipelines would be installed connecting Terminal 1 with the tank farm. New buildings would be constructed on the site to replace the existing mobile trailers. No in-water work is proposed. The company estimates that the terminal operations would consist of 730 unit trains a year (loaded and empty) or two (2) unit trains per day. The company estimates that the terminal operations would consist of up to 200 ships or barges a year (400 entry and departure transits).

When a proposed project is likely to result in significant adverse environmental impacts, an EIS is prepared and issued. An EIS provides the public and agencies with information about the potential effects of a proposed project, and is used to inform local and state agency permit decisions.

Comments on the Draft EISs will be accepted during the expanded 60-day comment period beginning August 31, 2015 and continuing through October 29, 2015. Comments that do not identify a specific project will be considered for both projects.

By mail:

Westway and Imperium Terminal Services Expansion Projects EISs
c/o ICF International
710 Second Street, Suite 550
Seattle, WA 98104

Online at <https://public.commentworks.com/cwx/westwayimperiumcommentform>

In person at a public hearing orally or in writing.

Public hearing and open houses:

October 1, 2015, 1:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Satsop Business Park, Flextech Building, 150 Technology Way, Elma, WA 98541

October 8, 2015, 1:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the D&R Theatre, 205 South I Street, Aberdeen, WA 98520

Hoquiam and Ecology are equal opportunity agencies. If you have special accommodation needs, please contact Diane Butorac at 360-407-6594 at least four days before the hearings above. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability can call 877-833-6341.

The Notice of Availability of the Environmental Impact Statements is issued in accordance with the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (WAC 197-11).

More detailed project information, including the Draft EISs, will be posted on-line at www.ecy.wa.gov/graysharbor. The Draft EISs will also be available for public inspection Monday – Friday between 8:00 AM-5:00 PM at Ecology’s Southwest Regional Office, located at 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, WA 98504 or the City of Hoquiam City Hall, 609 8th Street, Hoquiam, WA 98550.