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Notice of Availability

Final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Tesoro Anacortes Clean Products Upgrade Project now available for review

Proposal Information

Publication date:	July 10, 2017
Proposal name:	Tesoro Clean Products Upgrade Project
Documents available at:	www.TesoroAnacortesEIS.com
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Project Description

The proposed project involves additions and upgrades at the Tesoro Anacortes Refinery that would enable Tesoro to produce an average of 15,000 barrels per day (bpd) of mixed xylenes along with lower sulfur transportation fuels. The mixed xylenes would be loaded onto marine vessels using the existing refinery wharf structure, and exported to global markets. Tesoro anticipates approximately five additional vessels a month would be needed to support the production and shipment of mixed xylenes. The proposed project involves expansion/construction and operations of the following components within the refinery:

- Project components to produce lower sulfur fuels:
 - Expand the naphtha hydrotreater (NHT) to remove additional sulfur in the refining process.
 - Install an Isomerization (Isom) Unit to transform hydrocarbons into higher-octane gasoline components for blending.
- Project components to produce xylenes:
 - Install an aromatics recovery unit (ARU) to produce 15,000 bpd of mixed xylenes.
 - Install a steam boiler for additional energy needed to run the new process units.

- Install a Marine Vapor Emission Control (MVEC) System to capture vapors during product loading from docked marine vessels. The MVEC System consists of two physical components: the dock safety unit (DSU) located on the refinery wharf structure and the vapor combustion unit (VCU) located onshore.
- Install three storage tanks in the New Tanks Area (to store reformate and mixed xylenes).

As required under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), RCW 43.21C, and its implementing regulations, WAC 197-11, and Skagit County Code, Skagit County prepared the Final EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of constructing and operating the Proposed Action. The Final EIS includes a summary of the public comments received on the Draft EIS with responses, makes factual corrections to the Draft EIS, and provides additional analyses and information in response to public comments.

The Final EIS also identifies mitigation measures to address potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action. The Final EIS may be used by local and state agencies to inform permit decisions for the Proposed Action. Seven days following publication of the Final EIS, permits for the Proposed Action may be issued based on the regulatory requirements for each permit process. Construction of the Proposed Action could begin in 2017.

Read online at www.TesoroAnacortesEIS.com

Visit a local reading room to view a printed copy (see the list of locations on the project website)

Request a printed copy (for the cost of production and shipping).

For more information call (360) 416-1334 or email info@TesoroAnacortesEIS.com

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