

**WesPac Pittsburg Energy Infrastructure Project**  
**Scoping Meeting Comments 7/22/15**

**Speaker #1:**

- Speaker noted that he had recently relocated to Pittsburg, and was an active union member.
- Speaker voiced his concerns that the project would turn people away from Pittsburg, and asked if that was the City's intention.
- The Speaker asked if Pittsburg was trying to reinvent itself as an industrial city, and if the city had looked at the long-term impacts of the project.
- Speaker concluded by asking if the city will receive a large tax incentive, and stated that the project didn't make sense in the long-term.

**Joe Miamoto (Fisheries Biologist):**

- Mr. Miamoto stated he felt the schedule was too ambitious.
- Mr. Miamoto stated the DEIR should revisit the sections dealing with purpose and need for the project, and referenced letters from the State Attorney General.
- Given the location, what are the risks and hazards to the surrounding community, including aquatic resources?
- The EIR should identify potential impacts to aquatic resources, and should employ 3D hydrodynamic modeling and oil trajectory analyses to determine impact areas and entrapment zone.
- If there is a spill, how will the Marina and marine life be affected?
- Will there be Marina protection?
- What type of crude oil will be processed at the plant, as different types of crude can cause different types and levels of pollution?
- The speaker referenced a letter from the State Lands Commission (CSLC), and called for no deferred mitigation, and stated the project needed a strong monitoring plan.
- Speaker felt the best alternative was the no project alternative.

**Christopher Fallon:**

- Speaker stated that different types of crude have different types of impacts, and asked that the EIR identify the types of crude to be processed and potential impacts (GHG, A.Q., Accidental risks, etc.).
- This information should be made available to the public.
- There is already a pollution issue in Pittsburg, and that should be looked at while preparing the EIR, and additional pollution should be analyzed.
- How will Pittsburg monitor air quality?

- What will be the City's plan in the case of a catastrophic event?
- What is the type/scope of the refurbishment of the tanks and pipelines for corrosive materials?

**Lisa Bossitt:**

- Noticed while walking down 10<sup>th</sup> Street towards Bay Point that the area had been fenced off, and realized something was going on.
- Bothered that Country talks about utilizing alternative fuels but continues to open fossil fuel facilities.
- Asked if we are in a shortage of space to hold oil with all the surrounding facilities?
- Asked how residents of the area will move when their home values decrease and they can't sell.
  - Will WesPac address this and compensate them?
- Stated builders of nearby new homes/ school (St. Peters Martyr) will not disclose the WesPac project to potential buyers.
- How will the City be compromised?
- Referenced a jobs/housing balance study in Richmond, and noted study showed the jobs went to people outside the area.
- We need more money spent on schools and public resources. Why isn't the City spending money from projects and tax dollars on urban housing rehabilitation?
- What is the benefit for residents?
- What will be the negative effects on air pollution and wildlife endangerment?
- Asked when the opinions and concerns of the public will be addressed by the City Council.

**Nick Pestoda:**

- Requested electrification of dock equipment, which would result in less particulate matter (PM), fewer GHGs, and less noise.
- Asked the EIR reassess noise impacts with latest research (link between noise impacts and morbidity)
- Asked that the EIR re-examine economic impacts and use most current information possible.
- Asked that the City invest in clean energy proposal, and supported a solar farm on project site.

**Charles Smith:**

- Asked that the City not allow WesPac to use offsets.
- Asked that EIR utilize most up-to-date Census data.
- Questioned NOP timing.
- Stated the City needed to take a stringer stance on healthy air quality, and study/learn from nearby cities.

- Stated the single-wall tanks and pipes in the WesPac proposal are not adequate, as single wall tanks and equipment will corrode and leak. Asked that the project require best available technology, and use new pipes/tanks/equipment.
  - Emissions may be too high
- Opinion: project not funded well-enough at \$200M.

**Mark Davi (resident 4 years):**

- WesPac will deter people moving to Pittsburg and lead to people moving out.
- Project is a short-term financial gain at the risk of long-term health of the city and population.
- EIR must address social equity, and discouraging comments on social equity is wrong and not compliant with CEQA.
- Requested that project disclose the characteristics of refined and diesel to be stored.
- Text in current EIR obscures impacts on public resources.
- In text, there is no discussion of payment in case of a spill
  - How will WesPac pay the City and pay for environmental damage in case of catastrophic event?
- Stated leak effects on people and environment could be long-term.
- EIR should discuss WesPac's responsibility to clean up in case on catastrophic event.

**David Manly:**

- EIR should disclose the operating history of the two companies partnering on project, including safety records.
- Will the operator be held to higher standard, or only be required to install and protect bare minimum?
- Project will cause odor problem. Asked EIR identify/require:
  - Procedures for shutdown in case of odor problem.
  - Windsox to determine where odor is coming from and where it is blowing to.
- Requested monitoring equipment for pollutants, including wind SO2 and NOX.
- Requested direct phone line to report problems and to receive prompt response.
- Requested way to inform nearby residents of incidents.
- Requested on-site fire team
- Requested community warning system (sirens)
- EIR should include study on existing hazardous waste on-site and potential hazardous materials.
- Requested plan on how to clean up groundwater.
- Requested a hazardous waste/groundwater study
- Analysis on types of crude to ensure that tanks and pipes can hold crude based upon pressure. (Crude oil assay, corrosiveness, VP)
- Requested Vapor recovery system.
- Requested overflow alarms.

- Requested tank release systems and asked that the EIR identify types of systems.
- How will the Marina be protected from oil spills?
- How will ballast water affect the Marina?
- Requested no foreign ships be allowed to deliver and that PD do background checks/be informed of people coming off ships to avoid crime.

**Jessica Hendricks:**

- Stated she had worked with the local high school and resident groups to educate on WesPac project.
- Stated that Pittsburg already has horrible air quality and the highest hospitalization rate due to asthma.
  - Six-times higher number of asthma incidents than rest of Contra Costa County.
- Stated that Pittsburg is medically vulnerable to increased asthma occurrences and cancer diagnoses.
- “According to BAAQMD, Pittsburg in bottom 15% of communities regarding air pollution.”
- EPA recently placed Pittsburg in the CARE program.
- Pittsburg is an overburdened population, and environmental justice is a concern.

**Pamela Arauz:**

- Current Census data and data on technology need to be utilized in the EIR.
- Include current data of neurological and cancer risks of toxic exposure
- Include common risks of toxic exposure by a third party
- Children and elders are most affected; EIR needs to show an age breakdown of people affected.
- Request to conduct and include a year-long air quality study at the WesPac site and compare to nearby cities.
- Include a third-party analysis of air quality impacts showing maps and wind patterns.
- Analysis of a ¼ mile impact zone.

**Geoff Taylor:**

- Requested comment period be extended 15 days.
- Requested additional scoping meeting.
- Stated geology analysis was out of date.
- Geology analysis must be site specific.
- What is the geological impact of a spill?
- Requested liquefaction analysis.
- Studies of fire response adequacy – residents have little time to evacuate. Further study is needed on evacuation zones/routes/coordination.
  - Creation of a fire response plan

- Plans for care/rescue of displaced residents in case of catastrophic event.
- There is no evacuation plan at this time. One should be included in EIR.

**Mike Badde:**

- EIR has to be enforced, not allowed to sit on shelf.
- Details contained in EIR must be adhered to.
- Requested for external oversight board.
- Why is the property zoned for this use being so close to schools, parks, residential, etc.?
- Standards for use/development should be higher than normal, not lower because site/previous use were already there.
- How will water table be affected by spills?
- Why are there no air quality monitors near industrial plants?
- Project needs to show net benefit contribution to be approved.
- Requested earmarked money for public amenities and resources to move to a healthier location.
- Will there be any financial assurances for disasters?

**Jesse O’Kahn:**

- There needs to be a buffer (1/4 mile) from catastrophic events planned in the EIR to protect residents, students, etc.
- EIR should examine asbestos containment.

**Martin McKerel:**

- EIR should examine use of tar sands and diluents in project and if they will be within the scope of the project.
- Green visit vs. Oil visit
- Increased risk due to diluents.
- Old pipes should be analyzed to ensure they can maintain pressures needed.
- Reversal of pipeline (pumping east to west) has potential to cause spills due to increased pressures to push materials and tar sands.
- Need to stop utilizing crude oil and fossil fuels, join movement to renewable energy sources.
- Make Pittsburg a turning point at which reliance on fossil fuels stops, and we stop building these types of projects.

**Tom Griffith:** Read directly from letter handed to Kristin.

- Why is another term needed?
- What is the project risk of fire/flaring?
- What is the Type of oil? (sulfur, flammable)

**Aimee Durfee:**

- Works for Refinery Corridor Coalition
- WesPac project will add to GHG emissions. This is part of a regional effort to add GHGs to the area.
- Why is there no translator? Stenographer?
- Climate change regulation is already in place in CA.
- EIR needs to address regulatory risks.
- The project will result in air quality changes.
- EIR needs to examine fresh water contamination, especially in light of drought.
  - Risk of salinity
- Dev. Agreement needs to be transparent, and discuss:
  - Cash to local organizations
  - Ethical issues
  - Terms
  - Frequency of meetings to discuss D.A.
  - Establish oversight commission
- Glad to see non rail component, but wants legally binding agreement to not proposed rail at a later date.
- Disclose if tar sands will be held/used—response to water spill.
- Detailed response mechanisms to leaks into the Marina.
- Environmental Justice is an important component.
  - Low income residents negatively and disproportionately affected
- Please go beyond minimum noticing requirements
- Make notice multi-language

**Ratha Lei:**

- EIR needs to go further into environmental justice components.
  - Create a benchmark
- Project disproportionately and negatively affects low-income.
- EIR should review increased truck traffic and routes.
- EIR should look at PM increases.

**Kalli Graham:** Read directly from letter handed to Kristi.

- What is the flash point temperature?
- Where is the blast zone?
  - What is the likelihood for a domino effect?
- What is the Area impacted?
- What is the cost to explosion cities?

**Lisa Graham (Pittsburg Defense Council):** Read directly from letter handed to Kristi.

- Pittsburg has a vulnerable population
- Is there increased risk of cancer and asthma?
  - NRDC, CARB, DHS, CDC, OSHA, Cancer Registry

**Jim McDonald:**

- Stated that major concern is air fuel detonation.
- Public not being told about potential AFD.
- Ships will become bombs
- Project should utilize nitrogen replacement, which is non-explosive.
  - Nitrogen versus air
- Tanks cannot allow oxygen.

**Willie Mims:**

- Pittsburg already has a waste transfer station, why add more polluting uses?
- Supports the 'no project alternative'
- Confused by NOP language – why are we recirculating the same report?
- Does not like the word proposed: “weak verb”
- Who will evaluate the impacts and blast (WesPac?)
- How does the EIR determine that there are no cultural resources for certain without digging?
- Qualify Impacts?
- Environmental justice: negatively affects low-income residents.
- “can’t mitigate death trap”

**Chris Bernal (Clipper Cove):**

- Stated that these pipes leak frequently.
- Aerial surveillance of pipelines
- What is WesPac’s proposal for pipeline care?
- What will happen to property values? Is the financial security and investments of residents destroyed?
- What are the health concerns/risk to residents?
- Will people be noticed of a public hearing?

**Charles Davidson:**

- Project is still incredibly dangerous after rail removal.
- Bay Area has enough processing capacity.
- Proposal is disingenuous since rail could be added later.
- Would like to see study of crude types/quality/flammability (propane laden, etc.)

- Spoke on other states' requirements for crude processing and storage, and cited Bekins problems with vapor pressure.

#### **Kimberly**

- Speaking as a parent, with 3 kids
- Tanks are already corroded, and are dangerous.
- How will people reach their children in the area in case of catastrophic event?
- Concerned City not disclosing full information.

#### **Name Unknown (blue Hawaiian shirt):**

- Pipeline was built 50+ years age, not 15-20.

#### **Final Speaker:**

- Phase I report should be prepared for project; City is turning a blind eye.
- New homes and how those residents are affected not adequately addressed in EIR.
- Include requirements for cleanup and restoration of tanks.
- Site should be required to meet state standards for cleanup prior to operation.

#### **From Notepads and Comments page, not addressed in document already:**

- Need double walled tanks/pipelines
- Address need for project- discuss each existing terminal 20 year projection of capacity
- Dredging effects, when, how often will there be rock soil testing of marine floor?
  - What are the dredging impacts on bio water recreation? (salinity, Biological)
- Will there be funds to protect the community?
- What is the impact to neighboring businesses?
- Discuss homeland security protection target
- What is the existing pollution from the tanks?
- Why was the plant closed for twenty years?
- Will there be a harder commute due to needing to leave the area for jobs
- Are there any guaranteed funds for the city?