

Westway and Imperium Expansion Projects

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

[Westway Terminal Company](#) and [Imperium Renewables](#) have requested environmental impact statements (EISs) be conducted for proposed bulk liquid storage facility expansions at the Port of Grays Harbor in Hoquiam. These projects are separate and each will have its own EIS. However, the co-leads have agreed to conduct some parts of the EIS process jointly, such as scoping meetings, to be more efficient. Here are some frequently asked questions about the study phase of the environmental reviews.

How many scoping comments were received, and how were these used?

During scoping, 22,253 comments were received -- 498 unique comments and 21,755 form letters. Of the unique comments, 76 were oral comments given at scoping meetings. Ecology and Hoquiam, the co-lead agencies for these environmental impact statements (EISs), reviewed and considered the comments before providing direction on what data to gather for the environmental reviews to the consultant, ICF International.

What will these EISs address?

The EIS will consider potential impacts to public services, vehicle traffic, air, water, marine life, plants, natural resources, light and glare, recreation, historic and cultural preservation, aesthetics, animals, noise, geology and soil, tsunami preparedness and seismic events, and land and shoreline use.

Will both EISs address safety issues?

The EIS will address numerous safety issues including rail safety issues; vessel safety issues; oil spill prevention, preparedness, and response; risk of fire or explosion; and potential releases of toxic or hazardous materials.

Will both EISs study rail traffic issues?

Yes. The EISs will study rail traffic and safety issues for the rail line from Centralia to Grays Harbor in detail. The EISs will also include information from the Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study currently being conducted by Ecology and other state agencies, which was funded by the Legislature during the 2014 session. This study will analyze the risks to public health and safety and the environmental impacts associated with the transport of oil in Washington.

Will both EISs study vessel traffic issues?

Yes. This will study vessel transportation and safety in Grays Harbor. The EISs will also include information from the Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study currently being conducted by Ecology and other state agencies, which was funded by the Legislature during the 2014 session. This study will analyze the risks to public health and safety and the environmental impacts associated with the transport of oil in Washington.

Will both EISs look at cumulative effects?

Yes. The EISs will consider the added rail and ship traffic impacts, as well as considering the existing level of vessel and rail traffic for both the Westway and Imperium proposals. We also

will consider impacts from the proposed project by Grays Harbor Rail Terminal (US Development).

How long will it take to develop the draft EISs?

We expect the draft EISs to be released for public review in early 2015. The schedule may change during the process if additional studies need to be done or if new information becomes available. Please sign up for the LISTSERV to receive notification when the Draft EISs are released for review.

Where is the contract for the third party consultant?

This is on the City of Hoquiam's website at: <http://cityofhoquiam.com/newsroom/public-notices/>