

Westway and Imperium Renewables



EXPANSION PROJECTS

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING AGENDA

Open House: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Oral Public Comments: 6:00 to 9:00 pm

- Welcome
- Ground Rules Review
- Comment Period
- Adjourn

SCOPING MEETINGS

Hoquiam: Thursday, April 24, 2014
Hoquiam High School Commons
501 W. Emerson Avenue, Hoquiam

Centralia: Tuesday, April 29, 2014
Centralia High School Commons
813 Eshom Road, Centralia

GUIDE TO PARTICIPATING IN SCOPING

The Washington State Department of Ecology and City of Hoquiam have issued Determinations of Significance for the Westway and Imperium Renewables Expansion Projects under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for each project.

The Agencies are holding a 47-day joint scoping period for the environmental review processes for the projects. Scoping is the first step in the EIS process and is used to identify potential issues to be studied in an EIS.

Scoping Process: April 10, 2014 – May 27, 2014

During the scoping period from April 10-May 27, you can learn about the proposals, the EIS process, and provide scoping comments. All scoping comments receive equal consideration, regardless of which method below is used to submit them:

- Mail: Westway and Imperium Renewables Expansion Projects EISs, c/o ICF International, 710 Second Avenue, Suite 550, Seattle, WA 98104
- Online: submit comments at <https://public.commentworks.com/cwx/westwayimperiumcommentform>
- In person at a scoping meeting orally or in writing.

Scoping Meeting Format

- Welcome area where you can learn about the meeting format and sign up to provide oral comments.
- An exhibit area where you can review information and talk to staff.
- A quiet area where you can provide written comments or record an oral comment privately.
- A public comment area where you can provide oral comments.

Scoping Comments

As you consider your scoping comments, remember that scoping is designed to gather input for developing a draft EIS. The most useful comments focus on the following topics:

- Potential significant impacts to resources and extent of study and analysis needed to understand each potential impact.
- Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate (offset) effects of the proposal.

The Agencies already have determined that there may be probable significant adverse impacts from this proposal and that is why the EISs are being developed.

All scoping comments will be considered by the Agencies as part of the environmental review process. All comments of substance will receive equal consideration. Decisions about what to include in the EISs will be made by the Agencies.

Information on the environmental review process for these proposals can be found on Ecology's website: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/geographic/graysharbor/terminals.html>.

[See Reverse for Meeting Ground Rules]

SCOPING MEETING GROUND RULES

The Agencies are committed to providing safe and effective scoping meetings. Public input is a very important part of scoping. Scoping meetings and the scoping period are an opportunity to involve the public in the environmental review process and hear suggestions, questions, and concerns.

The Agencies ask all participants to honor the ground rules, to help maintain an open, secure, and respectful tone for each meeting, and allow everyone's voice to be heard equally. Use of these ground rules will support productive and civil meetings. Individuals who do not follow the ground rules and create an unsafe or intimidating environment will be asked to leave the meeting.

Ground Rules:

Intimidating behavior will not be tolerated because it creates a disrespectful and threatening environment. Examples of intimidation that are prohibited include:

- Confronting, blocking, or interfering with attendees when they approach, enter, or engage in the scoping meeting venue
- Conducting rallies or demonstrations at the entrance or within the scoping meeting venue.

The Agencies will monitor the number of people entering the meeting space and, based on the safe capacities of these areas, may close the space to additional attendance if facility capacity is reached. When people depart and space becomes available, additional people will be allowed to enter.

The Agencies are committed to providing a safe and effective public meeting. We ask for your cooperation to provide everyone an opportunity to speak safely. Some actions are prohibited because they create an intimidating atmosphere, or reduce the overall time allotted for people to speak, so that fewer people are able to provide comments.

In anticipation that many people want to provide oral comments before an audience, a time limit of two minutes per speaker is established for all scoping meetings and will be enforced.

- Speakers will be invited to the podium in the order they appear on the sign-in sheets.
- Silent expressions of support or opposition by giving a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down," or raising one's hand or a small sign for a few seconds are allowed if they do not disrupt speakers.
- Clapping, cheering or jeering disrupts speakers and is prohibited. Such noise contributes to an intimidating atmosphere.
- Speakers may be stopped when disruptive behavior such as sign waving or a mass activity like standing up as a group occurs.
- Signs no larger than 100 square inches (such as 10" x 10") are allowed in the public comment areas. Signs should not be held up for extended periods as they block the view of others.
- Loudspeakers, flashing lights or other visual or audible disturbances are not permitted

The Agencies reserve the right to close the meeting at any time if disruptions interfere with the opportunity for participants to make oral comments before an audience or there is a safety risk.

[See Reverse for General Scoping Meeting Information]