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Jet Fuel Transport and Storage in Richmond

VAPOR and Otto Langer disappointed by the decision of the BC Supreme Court regarding the Environmental Assessment of the Vancouver Airport Fuel Delivery Project

On June 24, 2015, the Supreme Court ruled in favour of the Province of British Columbia’s Environmental Assessment Office and the Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corporation (VAFFC), a non-profit organization owned by a consortium of most of the commercial airlines that operate out of Vancouver International Airport (YVR).

VAPOR and Otto Langer applied for judicial review of the decision of the Minister of Natural Gas and Development (Rich Coleman) and the Minister of Environment (Mary Polak), granting an Environmental Assessment Certificate to the VAFFC in December, 2013, arguing that the public were not properly consulted during the Environmental Assessment process.

VAPOR and Otto Langer are disappointed by the Court’s decision and are reviewing it with their legal counsel to determine what can be done next.

In the meantime, VAPOR and Otto Langer request again that Air Canada, West Jet, Lufthansa, Air China and the other airlines using YVR objectively re-examine other options of supplying jet fuel to YVR that avoid transporting highly toxic and flammable jet fuel in the South Arm of the Fraser River by tankers and barges for storage and distribution via pipeline across Richmond to YVR.

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VAPOR is a citizens’ society formed to oppose jet fuel tankers and fuel handling and storage in the Fraser River and estuary. VAPOR promotes an environmentally safer, more reliable land based pipeline option to supply jet fuel to YVR that will remove all jet fuel barges and supertankers in the Fraser River, its estuary and Burrard Inlet.