

**PRESS RELEASE****February 1, 2015****Jet Fuel Transport and Storage in the Fraser River Estuary****Final Arguments of Environmental Certificate's Judicial Review to be Heard in
B.C. Supreme Court on February 10 - 12, 2015.**

(Metro Vancouver). The controversial proposal to allow tankers of toxic and flammable jet fuel and build a marine terminal and jet fuel storage facility on the Fraser River in Richmond will be back in court next week. The Judicial Review's final three days of hearings will be held February 10, 11 and 12, 2015 in Vancouver Courts.

In November 2014 the lawyers representing **VAPOR*** and **Otto E. Langer** began a Judicial Review before Honourable Madam Justice Dillon in the Supreme Court of British Columbia. VAPOR and Langer argued that the public did not have a meaningful opportunity to provide comment on the Vancouver Airport jet fuel transport project proposed for and approved on the Fraser River.

At issue is the December 2013 Environmental Assessment Certificate issued to the Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corporation (VAFFC) by Minister of Environment Mary Polak and Minister for Natural Gas Development Rich Coleman. The Certificate permits the VAFFC to proceed with its Vancouver Airport Fuel Delivery Project, which would see the construction of a marine terminal and fuel storage facility at the foot of Williams Road in East Richmond to receive jet fuel from tankers and barges travelling up the South Arm of the Fraser River. The very toxic and flammable jet fuel would be stored on the banks of the river in a tank farm close to condominiums and entertainment and sports complex and shipped through the City of Richmond to Vancouver International Airport via a new pipeline.

VAPOR and Otto Langer argue that the public consultation, as required by the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the Environmental Assessment Office's policies, was seriously inadequate in many ways so that it did not meet the standards required by law. For example, members of the public had only 7 days to review the Application, which contained more than 1,500 pages of technical materials, and notices of opportunities to review the Application and provide comments were vague. A second example of this inadequacy is that notices that ran in the Sing Tao Daily, a Chinese-language newspaper, were published only in English.

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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.**