



Richmond, BC.

**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Jet Fuel Transport and Storage in Richmond**

### **VAPOR Society's Objection to PMV/ VAFFC short Open House & Document release notification**

To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this letter is to formally object to the short notice given for the open house on August 29, 2015 and comment closure date of September 19 regarding Port Metro Vancouver's (PMV) permit review process, of Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corporation (VAFFC) application for Fuel Receiving Facilities and pipeline on PMV's land.

Our reasons the notice is inadequate to provide consideration for those who would and could provide comments:

- It is the summer holiday season and many interested parties may not be able to attend as they are holiday/vacation.
- The short notice time severely limits the time in which the word can spread and for the public to read and understand the impact of the new documents made public, and to make arrangements to attend.
- Limits the time to read and comprehend the new documents made public and form meaningful questions to ask of the PMV and VAFFC staff.
- Is a minimalist approach to very big issues such as public and environmental safety concerns.
- Well established interested parties such as the VAPOR Society were not notified that the open house and documents were made available.

With less than two weeks notice of the PMV/VAFFC open house and document release the VAPOR Society feel that that there is deliberate attempt to limit public engagement in the open house and commenting. VAPOR would like to strongly request that the open house be delayed until after the Labour Day civic holiday and the notification be at least one month, and the comment period be set to at least six weeks after the open house, so that interested parties on holidays/vacation and appropriate amount of time for the public to make arrangements to attend. Whether or not the legal requirements have been met, it does not meet a moral one, the public deserves a better consultation than this.

See:

<http://www.vancouverairportfuel.ca/whatsnew>

<http://www.vancouverairportfuel.ca/adminpanel/files/PMV%20Project%20Review%20Application%20Form%2020150626.pdf>

<http://www.vancouverairportfuel.ca/adminpanel/files/VAFFC%20Display%20Boards%202015%20FINAL.pdf>

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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.