

To: Dickson County Planning & Zoning Board of Commissioners

From: Kyle C. Ruf, Chairman, Water Authority of Dickson County Board of Commissioners

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Topic: Update of WADC Researching Information Regarding Titan Fuel Terminal

I am writing to update you on the status of information WADC has requested or that WADC is still researching that pertains to the proposed Titan Fuel Terminal. On behalf of WADC and its ratepayers, I first want to extend appreciation to the PZ Commission for continuing to allow time for this potential development to be vetted for environmental and clean water supply impacts.

WADC began asking specific questions about project design and scope in May of 2020 and since that time many questions have been asked, answered, and found to lead to many more questions. The latest round of questions was posed to Titan on August 31st by WADC's independent environmental engineer and a response was received from Titan Partners on September 29th, 2020.

As the PZ Board can see from the dates involved, both questions and answers take time to develop in this much needed process. PZ Board should be commended for its recognition that no other governmental agency or entity has the authority to grant the time for WADC and others to research exposures and controls.

Most of the September 29th response from Titan Partners is focused on answers to specific questions about the spill containment (SPCC) design of the facility and plans for testing, treating and discharging stormwater and potential spills.

In response to WADC questions regarding pipeline safety and pipeline connections, WADC and its environmental engineer have been referred to the pipeline owner and operator, BP Pipeline (North America) Inc. This will spur a new round of questions and research.

Questions about replacing PFAS firefighting foams were not addressed in this latest exchange.

WADC has determined that an initial wetlands and stream delineation study was completed in August of 2019 for Titan Partners by SWCA Environmental Consultants. Titan is under no obligation to provide this type of information to WADC nor is it obligated to provide the answers we have been receiving.

The other side of the coin is that given the location of this proposed liquid fuel terminal, directly atop an invaluable source-water watershed, it would also be reasonable to expect a best-foot forward approach to provide all available environmental-related studies and plans, even without being asked to do so.

In summary, Dickson County Planning and Zoning is the only entity capable of providing the time for the study, evaluation, and planning for the contingencies presented by this proposed project. I encourage PZ Board to engage all assets available in this role and to consider future projects where PZ is cast as the sole decider in preservation and protection of our environment. We do not get a second chance at safeguarding our irreplaceable natural treasures.

Kyle C. Ruf, Chairman, WADC Board of Commissioners

