




Oregon Interfaith Power and Light – Summer and Fall 2015



Upcoming Climate Change Issues and Actions Guide

Stay informed on upcoming climate change issues and take action with your congregation! The second half of 2015 is packed with opportunities to make your voice heard on fossil fuels and climate on local, state, national and global levels. From the UN conference in Paris to the fossil fuel exports infrastructure here in Oregon, see how you can make a difference!

Issue/Event	Importance	Important Dates	Actions	
			Individuals	Congregations
UN Paris Climate Conference	This winter the UN will hold a conference in Paris to achieve a new international agreement on the climate, applicable to all countries, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C.	Nov. 30 - Dec. 11: dates of the conference	Sign the Paris Pledge and commit to reducing your carbon pollution by 50% by the year 2030, and be carbon neutral by 2050. The pledge will be presented to the UN Secretary at the conference at parispledge.org/	Sign the Paris Pledge as a congregation at parispledge.org/ Find out and support what your denomination or faith group is doing at the Paris Conference. Pray for the negotiators in Paris 2015.
Pre-Paris Faith Activities	The World Council of Churches will hold an Interfaith Summit on Climate Change in New York City (during Pope Francis' visit) where more than 30 religious leaders will take a united stand to encourage international and political leaders to address concretely the causes and consequences of climate change.	Sept. 21-22: Interfaith Summit on Climate Change Sept 22-27: Pope Francis visits NYC (9/25, address to UN), Washington DC (9/24, meets with Congress)	Pledge to "Fast for the Climate" with people worldwide one day a month. fastfortheclimate.org/en/ Pray that Congress will be receptive to the Pope's message on climate. Sign a pledge to stand with Pope Francis such as one at interfaithpowerandlight.org OIPL will be keeping you updated on solidarity actions Pope's visit with Congress.	Connect ecology and faith to the calendar this fall through holidays, special days or emphases that provide opportunities to deepen our relationship with Creation. One example is the Creation Season, held Sept. 1 to October 4 (Feast of St. Francis), that many Christian denominations are adopting. See fore.yale.edu for links to resources for various faiths.



<p>US Congress: Green Climate Fund and Power Plant Rules</p>	<p>The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is an international fund designed to address the critical climate change mitigation and adaptation needs of developing nations – to foster resilience and low-emission development. Funding the GCF is likely to be the largest challenge to a global agreement at the climate summit.</p> <p>Power plants are our nation’s single largest source of climate change but there are currently no limits on the amount of carbon pollution they can release. EPA’s Clean Power Plan needs to be supported.</p>	<p>August Recess (August 8 to September 7) and Fall 2015.</p> <p>EPA is anticipated to release its Clean Power Plan in early August.</p>	<p>Attend your Senators’ Town Hall meetings, or visit them, during August recess to express your support for the Green Climate Fund and the Clean Power Plan including the proposal to cut emissions from existing power plants by 30% by 2030. These cuts are vital for the US to take moral responsibility for its contribution to climate disruption.</p> <p>Stay tuned for action alerts to support the Clean Power Plan.</p>	<p>Share information about these policies in your congregation’s newsletter or bulletins.</p> <p>Hold a letter writing table with information and templates for people to use.</p> <p>See interfaithpowerandlight.org for information on these policies</p>
<p>Millennium Bulk Terminal in Longview, WA</p>	<p>This proposed coal terminal would place 48.5 million tons of coal per year massive open coal cars and open piles on the banks of the Columbia River, releasing pollution that cannot be realistically mitigated. With eight loaded and eight empty mile-and-a-half long trains each day, the proposed coal project has the potential to snarl local traffic and increase air pollution. Coal burned in Asia from exports releases pollution that travels to the PNW.</p>	<p>Late 2015</p>	<p>The draft Environmental Impact Statements should be released in November, which will be followed by hearings and a public comment period. Stay informed to get involved.</p> <p>Sign Power Past Coal’s petition opposing the Longview terminal (powerpastcoal.org/?petition=us-army-corps-of-engineers-wa-department-of-ecology-and-cowlitz-county)</p>	<p>Share updates with your congregation and attend hearings together.</p> 

<p>Tesoro-Savage Oil Terminal & NuStar Terminal in Vancouver, WA</p>	<p>These proposed terminals would be the largest oil-by-rail projects in North America, sending dangerous oil trains directly through the heart of Vancouver, WA.</p>	<p>Nov. 24 – draft environmental impact statement released (Tesoro-Savage), public comment period begins</p>	<p>The Army Corps of Engineers is accepting public comments July 2-Aug. 1 on the Tesoro Savage Terminal. Comments can be sent by email to: nws.tesoro_savage@usace.army.mil or by mail to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Mr. Steve Manlow, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, WA 98124-3755.</p>	
<p>Grays Harbor Oil Terminal</p>	<p>The three proposed terminals in Gray’s Harbor bring roughly 2 additional 100-car trains of dangerous, explosive oil each day through the Columbia River Gorge to Washington’s Coast. The oil trains would travel all along the river, posing a tremendous risk to the communities, water quality, and fish habitat along the way.</p>	<p>Late July - Draft Environmental Impact Statement released, public hearing to follow</p>	<p>Attend in hearing to show support and solidarity with the communities affected by this. Health Professionals: sign this statement on the health risk of oil trains (docs.google.com/forms/d/1s_BDXGisnhlj7f8eyA7g8N1ZIfOwylzBrYrsxg0mS10/viewform)</p>	<p>Organize carpools to attend hearings.</p> 
<p>Proposed Pembina Propane Terminal in Portland</p>	<p>Proposed propane terminal in Portland would use enormous amounts of energy (accounting for 0.7% of Portland’s CO2 emissions) and would transport propane accounting for 0.1% of global CO2. Gas-filled mile long trains would traverse Portland every other day. Despite strong opposition Pembina continues to push forward</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>Call Portland City Council and ask that they support the mayor and Portlanders standing up to propane export. Commissioner Nick Fish: (503)-823-3589 Commissioner Amanda Fritz: (503)-823-3008 Commissioner Steve Novick: (503)-823-4682 Commissioner Dan Saltzman: (503)-823-4151. The EMO Board voted to oppose the Pembina propane terminal.</p>	