

Attachment 12: Inter Island Propane Responses

Responses from Donny Galt to public emails

Date	Re: Name_First	Re: Name_Last	Comment Summary
06/17/17	Kurt	Thorsen	Does not want to speak or further respond
06/17/17	Anne	Pekuri	No response to request to speak or meet
06/18/17	Ethna	Flanagan	Willing to meet and talk
06/19/17	Myrna/Richard	Fant	Offer to meet or speak to discuss issues
06/19/17	Molly	Roberts	Offer to meet or speak to discuss issues
06/20/17	Dave	Robinson	Information from propane supplier regarding citizen concerns about increased traffic, safety and spills
06/20/17	Gigi	Zakula	Information regarding insurance rates indicating that rates will not be affected
06/20/17	Betsy	Devrille	Positive response to meeting with Donny
06/23/17	Inter-Island Propane		Letter to Hearings Examiner regarding concerns of citizens with attachments from insurance, transporters and citing to SJCC

Julie Thompson

From: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Julie Thompson
Subject: Fwd: New service on Orcas

Hi Julie,

This is my response from Kurt Thorson. I will send other responses from other folk as I get them.

Donny

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From: Kurt Thorson <kurtthorson1@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 3:59 PM
Subject: Re: New service on Orcas
To: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>

Donny, Hi. Basically my concerns are spelled out in my letter. I think it's an inappropriate use of that space. A dangerous storage, fill and delivery service has no business in a residential neighborhood. As to the details of the Vanderyact spill, see the archives from the Sounder and Orcas Issues. I do not wish to chat or further correspond.

Kurt Thorson

> On Jun 16, 2017, at 8:48 AM, Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com> wrote:

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> Good Morning Kurt!

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Julie Thompson

From: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Julie Thompson
Subject: Fwd: New Service on Orcas Island

Email I sent to Anne Pekuri

#2 Opal Commons (not a mailing address)

Eastsound, WA 98245

No response as of yet.

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From: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Subject: New Service on Orcas Island
To: apekuri@gmail.com

Good morning Anne!

This is Donny from inter island propane in Friday Harbor. Because I'm the one that put in for the permit, I get all of the responses and concerns from the neighbors. I just wanted to see if it's OK to call you or visit with you to hear your concerns.. I still have not heard the full story on what happened with the accident over there. I was hoping you could tell me your concerns and give me some insight on what happened. I've been an islander for over 35 years, grew up here, raised a family here and would never in any way want any bad feelings between my friends and neighbors. My cell number is [3603175854](tel:3603175854). Thank you!

-Donny Galt

Julie Thompson

From: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 8:46 PM
To: Julie Thompson
Subject: Fwd: New Service on Orcas Island

Trying to set up a meeting with Ethna and any other concerned neighbors. See below.

Donny Galt
Co-Owner, Inter Island Propane LLC

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From: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>
Date: Sat, Jun 17, 2017 at 12:09 PM
Subject: Re: New Service on Orcas Island
To: Ethna Flanagan <ethnaflanagan@gmail.com>

Ethna that's awesome! Thank you so much for responding! What time works for you? I cant do anything on Monday as we are barging to Lopez with propane. Whatever time we set up, feel free to invite other concerned neighbors. It's very important to us that we hear from you guys directly and see what happened in the past and if there are any solutions to your concerns. Again. Thank you so much for responding and look forward to meeting you next week. Have a great weekend. :)

Sincerely
Donny Galt
Inter Island Propane LLC

On Jun 17, 2017 9:47 AM, "Ethna Flanagan" <ethnaflanagan@gmail.com> wrote:
Donny,

Thank you for your email.

We could talk next week.

Ethna

Ethna Flanagan

PO Box 1824, Eastsound. WA 98245

360 376-2363hm 360 317-7123cell

On Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 9:02 AM, Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com> wrote:

Hi Ethna! This is Donny from inter island propane in Friday Harbor. Because I'm the one that put in for the permit, I get all of the responses and concerns from the neighbors. I just wanted to see if it's ok to call you or visit with you to hear your concerns. My cell number is [3603175854](tel:3603175854). Thank you!

Julie Thompson

From: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 7:30 PM
To: myrnaorcas@gmail.com; CDP Inquiries; gourley1@centurytel.net; rickfant@gmail.com; rlwaunch@orcasonline.com; wlmunich@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Large tank facility proposed on Aeroview

Hi Myrna,

S.J.C. DEPARTMENT OF
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This is Donny from Inter Island Propane in Friday Harbor. Because I'm the one that put in for the permit, I get all of the responses and concerns from the neighbors. I just wanted to see if it's OK to call you or visit with you to hear your concerns. My business partner and I have been looking for property on Orcas that has the allowed use per San Juan County. It has been very difficult. Plain and simple, there is limited to no land left that fits the proper land use. We are just two Islanders trying to bring a sustainable and affordable resource to the Island Residents with safety being our highest priority. I've been an islander for over 35 years, grew up here, raised a family here and would never in any way want any bad feelings between my island friends and neighbors. Feel free to call me [3603175854](tel:3603175854) or email me if you would be interested in getting together so I can hear your concerns. Thank you!

Donny Galt

From: Myrna Fant [<mailto:myrnaorcas@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 5:27 AM
To: CDP Inquiries <cdp@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: Eric Gourley <gourley1@centurytel.net>; Richard Fant <rickfant@gmail.com>; Bob Waunch <rlwaunch@orcasonline.com>; wlmunich@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Large tank facility proposed on Aeroview

Juliet address does not work. Please read below and record my comments.

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Myrna & Richard Fant

[360-376-3237](tel:360-376-3237)

On Jun 19, 2017, at 08:04, Myrna Fant <myrnaorcas@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear San Juan County:

I have property at 115 Aeroview Lane and I'm against this type of tank facility being proposed at the entrance to my neighborhood. Many of us in and around Aeroview have hangar homes where we live and play - And, there are homes immediately adjacent to this proposed facility.

We are very surprised at that scale of this project. The original description sounded like a home sized propane tank - but we now see it's a commercial operation.

So, my objections are:

- This fuel facility is out of proportion to the neighborhood
- This fuel facility is immediately adjacent to occupied homes on all sides
- This fuel facility was not correctly identified to the current residents
- This fuel facility will generate heavy truck traffic inconsistent with the neighborhood
- There are existing fuel facilities at the end of Seaview drive that can be used

Julie Thompson

From: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 7:36 PM
To: mollyroberts8@centurylink.net
Subject: New Tank Storage Orcas

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Hi Mary,

This is Donny from Inter Island Propane in Friday Harbor. Because I'm the one that put in for the permit, I get all of the responses and concerns from the neighbors. I just wanted to see if it's OK to call you or visit with you to hear your concerns. I have heard different parts of the story, but I still have not heard the full story on what happened with the accident over there. I was hoping you could tell me your concerns and give me some insight on what happened. My business partner and I have been looking for property on Orcas that has the allowed use per San Juan County. It has been very difficult. Plain and simple, there is limited to no land left that fits the proper land use. We are just two Islanders trying to bring a sustainable and affordable resource to the Island Residents with safety being our highest priority. I've been an islander for over 35 years, grew up here, raised a family here and would never in any way want any bad feelings between my island friends and neighbors. Feel free to call me [3603175854](tel:3603175854) or email me if you would be interested in getting together so I can hear your concerns. Thank you!

Donny Galt

Julie Thompson

From: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Julie Thompson
Subject: 30,000 gal tank. Email from Transportation company

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Hi Julie,

Here is a email from our propane supplier that will be transporting the fuel via barge to the tank.He is also going to send an email directly to you. A record, we can meet all of those to-dos suggested.

Thank you

Donny

David Robinson **via** [gibsonenergy.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:donny@interislandpropane.com)

to Donny

Good Morning Donny,

I appreciate your concerns on having an environmentally and safe propane storage unit site on Orcas Island.

I will outline what we here at Gibsons link transportation do to keep our end of it as safe as possible, and I will outline some suggestions for yourselves to add to you and the safety of your friends, workers and Neighborhood.

Our drivers

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- Clean records monitored by driver abstracts from DOL

Our trucks

- Low mileage units with emissions and certified clean idle
- Daily DOT unit inspections
- Daily hose inspections
- Monthly Truck and trailer inspections including hose certifications
- Quarterly inspections by Motor Trucks Truck shop
- Yearly inspections by Pacific tank including compressor service, valve inspection, hose certification.
- 5 year full inspection by Pacific Tank including Hydro certification by black lighting and weld grinding and Hydro pressure testing.
- All trucks have a Dixie gate on each valve entry. The gate is dropped to attach the hose. With the gate dropped, the brakes will be set and will not come off until the hose is removed and the gate is locked in the closed position. This makes it so driving off with a hose attached is impossible!
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- We load the barge at 7 am every load which puts us at your site at around 11 am. That gives us the opportunity to keep any noise pollution and traffic problems to a minimum.
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- Contrary to belief...yes, propane is heavier than air but boils at -44 degrees so any breach above -44 will evaporate harmlessly. The colder it is, the slower that happens though which is why we like to let the day warm before off-loading to create a safer situation in the rare case of a hose burp.

What Inter Island Propane can do

- Fence area and lock
- Ecology block barricade around tank
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- Have a break away connection on bobtail fill hose to prevent a breach if a driver moves truck without disconnection
- Chock tires before loading
- Do the majority of loading in the afternoon if possible

- Have brake interlocks on hose valve connections on trucks.

With all of this in place, Inter Island Propane on the islands will be as safe as any commercial industry and up to the standards that create a safe work and neighborhood environment.

Thanks for your concerns,

Dave Robinson



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For over 60 years, Gibsons has delivered integrated midstream solutions to customers in the oil and gas industry. Our operations include the transportation, storage, blending, processing, marketing and distribution of crude oil, liquids and refined products. We also provide oilfield waste and water management services.

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Julie Thompson

From: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Julie Thompson
Subject: Fwd: New Storage Facility on Orcas Island
Attachments: CCE06192017_00000.pdf

Hi Julie,

Response from local Insurance company about neighbors concerns about insurance increases.

Donny

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From: **Gigi Zakula** <gigi@islandersinsurance.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 19, 2017 at 8:38 AM
Subject: RE: New Storage Facility on Orcas Island
To: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>

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Hi Donny,

I've attached the letter your requested. Let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks Donny and have a great day!

Kind Regards,

Gigi

Gigi Zakula

Agent/Owner

Islanders Insurance

PO BOX 1160

FRIDAY HARBOR WA 98250

T: [360-378-2195](tel:360-378-2195) or [888-322-2195](tel:888-322-2195)

F: [360-378-5948](tel:360-378-5948)

gigi@islandersinsurance.com

From: Donny Galt [mailto:donny@interislandpropane.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 4:54 PM
To: Gigi Zakula
Subject: New Storage Facility on Orcas Island

Hi Gigi!

We are getting some push-back on Orcas for our new storage facility over there. In your professional opinion can you please answer this insurance concern from one of the neighbors? FYI the storage tank will be installed within the required setbacks per county, state and national laws. I have highlighted the concern in your department. If you can respond with a letterhead that would be awesome! Thank You!

-Donny

Julie, I am expressing my concern for permit number PCUP00-17-0018 and the proposed sight of the 30,000 gallon propane tank at 27 Aeroview Street, Eastsound. As an OPAL homeowner and witness to two "leaks" in the past, I understand how the unexpected is to be expected.

My concerns and the concerns of many others are basically these:

1. It would be constructed in the middle of a dense residential neighborhood. This gives rise to safety concerns, not only from a potential accident, but from the increased truck traffic. The traffic is listed to move between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM yet has been heard earlier and later. The trucks are bigger than what is listed, noisier, and as there is a hill, shifting adds to the noise pollution.
2. The increase in risk so close by may result in a increase in house insurance costs for nearby neighbors.
3. The proposed site the tank would occupy is close by an airplane hangar used for repairs and maintenance, with power tools, etc. and may be a source of endangerment as propane is flammable.

Please, add my concerns to the others you are receiving and rethink the location of this tank.

Sincerely,

Anne Pekuri #2 Opal Commons (not a mailing address) Eastsound, WA 98245



Islanders Insurance

PO Box 1160 • 545 Spring St., Friday Harbor, WA 98250 • At Village House, Lopez Island

June 19, 2017

Inter-Island Propane
Attn: Donny Galt
PO Box 222
Friday Harbor WA 98250

S.J.C. DEPARTMENT OF

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RE: Homeowners Premium

Dear Donny,

I'm responding to your question regarding whether the location of your Orcas facility would result in increased Homeowners premiums for the neighborhood.

Homeowners rates are determined by several factors including but not limited to: dwelling characteristics (year built, roof type, construction type, etc.), location, dwelling use, prior claims, fire protection classification as determined by the Washington Rating Bureau, dwelling use (primary home, business exposure, etc.).

The carriers we represent do not ask if there is a commercial business in the area.

Please give me a call if you have questions. Thank you.

Kind Regards,


Gigi Zakula
Agent/Owner

Julie Thompson

From: Donny Galt <donny@interislandpropane.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 1:22 PM
To: Julie Thompson
Cc: Jim Lawson
Subject: Orcas issues.com
Attachments: Screenshot_SmartSelect_2017-06-23-13-18-54.png

Hi Julie!

Well, I have to say, me reaching out, I had an awesome reply! It was posted on Orcas Issues.com on June 20th.

Betsy Devrille on June 20, 2017 at 4:20 pm said:

I'd encourage everyone to reach out to the owners of InterIsland and discuss your concerns. I did and while I'd still rather there be no industrial uses in my neighborhood, I do feel better. These are islanders (San Juan, not Orcas) and seem to genuinely want to do the right thing. They're taking precautions that previous operators might not have. Hopefully there can be a way that makes this work for a local business and meets concerns of me and my neighbors.



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D.J.C. DEPARTMENT OF
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"Your Locally Owned and Operated Propane Company"

Good Afternoon Julie and San Juan County Hearings Examiner,

Thank you for forwarding all the emails. I have tried to respond to each one with a reach-out-email. It looks like there are a couple folks that would like to meet with us. I understand the concerns of the neighbors and I tried to put them in list form so I can respond properly and show the county and neighbors that we addressed most of the concerns prior to filing the application. I just want everyone to know we are not an off-island business, we are Islanders that have lived here over 35 year and deeply care about our Islands and our neighbors. We would never have even thought of purchasing the location if the County stated that the property was not zoned for the use or it was an unsafe location. Unfortunately, there were prior accidents from former companies that now puts us in the crosshairs. We just want to show the community that our equipment is state of the art, far exceeding the prior companies equipment and that the site "will not cause significant adverse impacts on the human or natural environments that cannot be mitigated by conditions of approval"

List of various comments and concerns from the emails, the relevant CUP conditions they fall into, and our response. :

1. It would be constructed in the middle of a dense residential neighborhood. This gives rise to safety concerns, not only from a potential accident, but from the **increased truck traffic**. The traffic is listed to move between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM yet has been heard earlier and later. The **trucks are bigger than what is listed, noisier, and as there is a hill, shifting adds to the noise pollution**.
2. In the past, we had a propane business on our street and it was not conducive to the density of homes and apartments, nor the children and families that live in our neighborhood. We have children riding bikes, this is literally a safe, quite and delightful neighborhood. A number of us have met and wish to express our opposition to this development. The **corner of Seaview and Mt Baker is tight for a truck** let alone meeting another vehicle.
3. **We now have propane at the end of Seaview St.**, on Mount Baker road for the County, and three or more tanks plus an equal amount of trucks behind San Juan Propane.
4. **Fueling to and from a propane tank creates fumes and noise starting as early as 7:30 AM**. This generates a health and wellbeing risk to residents

CUP SJCC 18.80.100D (7) "The pedestrian and vehicular traffic associated with the conditional use will not be hazardous to existing and anticipated traffic in the neighborhood;"

Donny: Our truck on Orcas will operate between 8am and 5pm M-F unless there is an emergency. Our data for Friday Harbor shows that we had one delivery every two weeks in the winter and one every three weeks in the summer in FH. The deliveries will come in by barge and the off load of fuel happens between 10am and 1pm. (See Dave Robinson Letter) Our delivery truck "Bobtail" is a newer 2013 truck that meets and exceeds California's stringent diesel exhaust and sound pollution requirements. In fact, our truck along with other island trucks newer than 2013 will be the quietest commercial trucks on the island. Our truck is automatic and there is no heavy shifting, no black smoke and no loud noises. The airplanes taking off at the airport will be much louder than the truck. Our truck, per our plant operation plan, states that it may not be running during filling and wheels are chocked. The only noise that would be heard is the sound of the electric pump on the storage tank. About the same noise as a pump at the gasoline station. (see Arch Huddleson Letter) . After a fill, our truck should be out pumping fuel around the Island and surrounding islands, not hanging around the facility. In Friday Harbor, there were a few times during the peak winter season where our truck had to fill twice in a day. There also appears to be a few folks that think there is a propane storage tank at the end of Seaview. As that company is not there, nor is the tank, there will not be an increase in truck traffic. This is not an in-and-out of the facility all day business like concrete trucks, dump trucks, or delivery trucks. We fill once or twice a day and head out around the island. There will be no retail located on site so there will be no customer traffic as well. As far as truck safety, all our drivers and the transport drivers hold Washington state CDL driver's licenses and have extensive training and certificates in Bobtail driving and safety. Our goal is to be the safest propane facility that has ever been on Orcas Island. In cases of after hour complaints or emergencies we have a 24-hour call center that will notify all personnel. I will also offer my cell phone number to all neighbors so they can call me directly if they are having any concerns or suggestions about our limited traffic or our drivers.

1. The increase in risk so close by may result in **an increase in house insurance costs for nearby neighbors.**

No CUP relevance, However I contacted local insurance company and have included the letter. No increase in insurance.

1. The proposed site the tank would occupy is close by an airplane hangar used for repairs and maintenance, with power tools, etc. and may be a **source of endangerment as propane is flammable.**
2. Many of the neighboring homes rely on wood stoves for heat, and leave a fire banked on low in the winter while away at work during the day. The prevailing winds from the southeast and northeast would spread leaked gas directly into residential areas.
3. The potential explosion and human error in a family neighborhood could be a disaster. This business is inappropriate in this neighborhood.
4. I well remember the propane spill emergency on February 17, 2015. I was leaving my hangar and upon exiting at Seaview, I found it to be cordoned off and was told I would not be able to return until the spill and fumes had been controlled. I was later told that a truck had pulled away with the refilling hose still attached resulting in propane gas pouring out into a neighborhood occupied by many residents along Seaview with the potential of a devastating explosion

S.J.C. DEPARTMENT OF
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CUP SJCC 18.80.100D (3) The proposed use will not cause significant adverse impacts on the human or natural environments that cannot be mitigated by conditions of approval;

Donny: I have included a copy of Arch Huddleston's letter. He is considered one of the top consultants in his field and has been in the industry for more than 40 years. His comments explain how safe our new storage tank is and all of the failsafe systems associated with our truck and filling station.

1. Unless stored in a hangar/home similar to those existing on Aeroview, a naked storage tank is going to be an eyesore and counters the neighborhood atmosphere we have created.

CUP: Landscaping. New development must be designed to conserve natural site features to the extent possible. Landscaped buffers are required along public street frontage in all new development, and screening is required between existing residential uses and new nonresidential developments. In addition to the landscaping requirements listed in SJCC 18.30.670(D), a landscaping strip with a minimum width of 20 feet must be provided along the entire primary road frontage of the site and along any property line abutting any residential district. The landscaping strip must include evergreen trees.

Donny: Fuel Storage tank are not allowed indoors per NFPA 58. As per application we will be leaving the large tree and vegetation buffer on the north and west sides and enclosing the tank with a green slatted fence. We went with much more than the 20' required to help with dampening any sounds or visuals.

1. Paul Kamin and I met with OIFR Chief Scott Williams this morning. I believe that Paul will be corresponding to you that, as I understand, EWUA does not have sufficient fire flow to contain a mishap at the proposed tank site. It might be that a CUP includes the necessity that the property owner must fund an upgrade to the water mains in order to allow sufficient water flow.
2. Have fire department officials been interviewed in this permit process? Prior incidents indicate that the danger factor is REAL, not just theoretical. Placing a 30,000 gallon tank in close proximity to aviation fuel from airplane hangers nearby increases the risk.

CUP SJCC 18.80.100D (5) The proposal will be served by adequate facilities including access, fire protection, water, stormwater control, and sewage disposal facilities;

Donny: The statement that EWUA does not have enough flow contradicts Arch Huddleson letter to the OIFD Chief Scott Williams. On another note, I understand we are in the crosshairs of everyone, but if there is not enough flow than how did the county just install a 30,000 gallon tank and how did San Juan Propane install an additional tank with no problems? See attached letter to OIFD

1. I was at home in my residence during the accident that leaked propane from a similar tank owned by Vanderyact Propane on Seaview St. on Feb. 17th 2015 that precipitated a 1/2 mile

radius evacuation and the closing of the Eastbound Airport. The Fire and Rescue response to that emergency was piecemeal at best with some residents within 300 ft of the tank not being notified at the early outset of the situation. I, as an interested citizen and homeowner inquired of the responders as to protocol and was asked as a citizen volunteer to go door to door and alert residents. The young woman in the house across the street from the tank had not yet been informed when I got there. My nearest neighbor at the time at Opal Commons #8 is a single mom and her young daughter was in the bathtub. The responders had advised that residents leave immediately, not to use a telephone and not to start an automobile

2. Is there an evacuation plan in place? If so, residents need to be informed of it. (If there was such a plan in place in 2013, it wasn't effective.)

CUP & DONNY: I don't know where this falls in the CUP, But I have been in contact with Brendan Cowen and the Department of Emergency Management in San Juan County. Our Friday Harbor facility has a Safety Plan in place that is required by the DOT (Department of Transportation) , NTAS (National Terrorism Advisory System) and our insurance company. After the site is built, we will be working with OIFD Scott Williams and DEM Brenden Cowen to prepare a written emergency plan. These plans should be in place for all bulk fuel storage facilities throughout the islands.

I really believe that we are within the Land Use requirements and the conditions required by the CUP. I also understand our neighbor's concerns. I don't blame them! I would like everyone to know that this is not the old off-island company. We spent a lot of time and money in training, planning and preparation for the safest facility that Orcas has ever seen. We are proud locals, trying to keep propane prices at a sustainable level for all islanders while creating jobs for our neighbors. Thank you for your time

Donny Galt

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