

# KELSO LONGVIEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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The Kelso Chamber of Commerce has taken the following position in support of the permit application for Millennium Bulk Terminals' Coal Export Facility and urges the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to finalize, and issue, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in conjunction with the issuance of the SEPA EIS on April 29, 2017.

The Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce defines its vision as being "the catalyst for business and community prosperity". One of our critical roles is to foster a successful economic environment within the community for our nearly 500 member companies.

Millennium Bulk Terminals has reinvested in an underutilized industrial facility in Cowlitz County to conduct environmental remediation on the site, and plans to upgrade the existing import/export bulk facility and construct a coal receiving, storage, and shipping terminal. As part of this development, Millennium is required to follow the complex permitting process with the Army Corps of Engineers, Cowlitz County, and the Washington State Department of Ecology, along with strictly adhering to existing State & Federal regulations.

The coal export terminal will result in economic and fiscal benefits to the local area and to Washington, while mitigating pre-existing environmental issues on the site. The project represents an opportunity to locate a world-class industrial facility on underutilized industrial land. State and local benefits will include new and significant jobs, wages, output, and tax revenue. It is also expected that the majority of the positions will be filled from the local labor pool with family wage jobs. We believe that the coal export terminal will be good for businesses in our community, because the wages and tax revenue will provide support to local commerce and community services.

For the above reasons, the Kelso Longview Chamber supports Millennium's permit application and asks for a fair and timely approval process to enable this development to proceed.



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