

Longview Coal Terminal hearing comments  
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Please imagine that we're floating along all in a big canoe. All of us in this room and everyone in the rest of the world is in it with us. The canoe is leaking.

You have a proposal here today from a company that wants to drill more holes in the canoe. "We can make a lot of money drilling holes. And we can create jobs for people to drill the holes for us."

You have some people in Longview saying "We want those jobs. We're just going to drill the holes in our part of the canoe, don't worry about us if you're standing in a different part."

And you have the Army Corps of Engineers saying "We're not looking at whether the canoe is sinking, that's not in our scope. We just want to make sure the people drilling the holes use the right drill bits and don't scatter the dust around."

All of us in red here today, along with millions of other sensible and caring people who aren't here, are saying no. No more holes in our boat, please. Let's hear proposals from people who want to fix the holes, not drill more. We are awfully close to sinking already.