

Why the Millennium project must be rejected.

The Corps of Engineers ignores the impacts of coal dust and rail traffic on the Pacific Northwest Tribes fishing the Columbia River for their food. In addition, train incidents could ruin the water on which millions depend for transportation, fish and wildlife, commerce, and the safety of our health and environment.

Sixty-two elected Officials from throughout the Pacific Northwest have submitted letters of concern or down right opposition to coal export in Longview, Washington.

Fifteen cities, which would be adversely affected, submitted comments to The Department of Ecology and Cowlitz County.

The narrowly focused study ignores the major impacts of sixteen new coal trains a day. Focusing only on the Longview industrial area and not on the region in which the trains would travel which is the Columbia River, The Western Watershed of the United States.

In conclusion, with the crippling air pollution China has experienced, much of it from burning coal. All economic classes have been affected, spurring new business. Some of the most technologically advanced solar cells for generating energy are coming from China today as they grapple with their atmospheric problems. As more sustainable energy projects are coming online in the Far East, so the demand for coal will wither and die. China is the fastest growing consumer market for electric cars. BYD and SAIC Motor Corporation, the largest manufacturer of electric vehicles in the world, sold over a million EV's last year, as well as sales from Tesla and Nissan. We live in exciting times of innovation, exploration, and discovery. Coal is a dinosaur howling it's last on the eve of an era of sustainability.

The Millennium Coal Terminal is a poor business decision, which hasn't been studied in full. Its negative impacts could be felt for generations, in people's health and the effects on our local environment.

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