



SPOKANE COUNTY  
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November 22, 2016

Millennium Bulk Terminals NEPA EIS  
c/o ICF International  
710 Second Avenue, Suite 550  
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview Proposed Project – NEPA EIS Public Comment  
To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to express my support for the permit submitted by Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview to begin construction and operation of an export terminal in Washington. After four and a half years, it is time for regulators to approve this critical infrastructure project and allow the economic benefits it will provide to Washington to come to fruition.

As a community leader, it is my mission to support policies that encourage economic opportunity for all Washingtonians. And while the release of draft environmental review by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was a critical step forward in the continuation of this important infrastructure project, delaying Millennium's permit any further could jeopardize the competitive and economic future of our region.

This project alone will inject millions of dollars into our state's economy, providing more than substantial tax revenue and generate hundreds of well-paying jobs. At approximately 2,950 total direct and indirect jobs potentially created and \$5.4 annually in local tax revenue, this is an opportunity to improve the economic well-being of Southwest Washington. Also, this project will move forward without one cent coming from the wallets of Washingtonians, but rather through private investments from the companies who will utilize this terminal is what this county and state economy needs.

But there is something even larger at stake here. As a state dependent on trade, we need to be sure the regulatory process for transportation infrastructure projects like the Millennium terminal offers a fair and timely review that will attract new and modernized infrastructure investments that will benefit the entire region.

Unprecedented demands like those in the SEPA environmental review requiring Millennium to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions that occur on the other side of the world will ultimately damage Washington's ability to compete in a global economy, impact interstate commerce and increase uncertainty for business investment in our state.

As a resident of Spokane, I know that transportation infrastructure is the lifeblood of our economy and this proposed multi-commodity terminal will provide a net benefit to the entire region. We must think about the larger economic consequences of playing politics in this matter. We must take action now, before this becomes a missed opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich