



PASCO

Chamber of Commerce

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MBTL NEPA Draft EIS
c/o ICF International
710 Second Avenue
Suite 550
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Agency Staff,

The Pasco Chamber supports the proposed port facility in Longview. The environmental review of this project has taken too long and it is time to allow Millennium to invest \$680 million in southwest Washington.

Washington is the most trade-dependent state in the country, it is paramount that our lawmakers and state regulators work together with business and labor to sustain this vital industry for future generations of Washingtonians.

State of Washington should foster a regulatory environment that encourages investment in Washington's trade industries. Ensuring our state is positioned to thrive in the increasingly competitive national and international marketplace for foreign trade.

The proposed Millennium Bulk Terminal in Longview, WA will revitalize a 70-year old brownfield industrial site to ship Powder River Basin Coal and other dry commodities to Asia, help increase rail capacity important to Ag commodity transportation, provide 2650 direct and indirect jobs during construction and 300 direct and indirect jobs at the facility, and provide \$43 million in tax revenue during the construction phase.

The draft EIS for this project is extremely thorough. It is now time to put southwest Washington to work. Please publish the final EIS quickly and issue the permits.

Sincerely,



Colin Hastings
Executive Director