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MBTL NEPA Draft EIS
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RE: Millennium Bulk Terminals Draft Environmental Impact Statement

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Coal is critical to the Wyoming and national economies. Coal contributes an estimated \$1.1 billion in taxes to Wyoming annually. This revenue supports schools, hospitals, roads, and other critical services. Nationally, coal generates roughly 39% of electricity needs. Low cost fuel reduces the cost of electricity, which makes a difference in the quality of life for all citizens.

I support the Millennium Bulk Terminal project. It will create jobs and generate additional tax revenue for states. It will provide access to a cleaner source of power generation for other countries, which benefits everyone.

The work that the Army Corps of Engineers put into the development of the DEIS represents a thorough environmental analysis of the potential impacts of the Millennium Bulk Terminal. The DEIS indicates that this project will provide needed economic benefit with minimal environmental impact.

I encourage the Army Corps of Engineers to finalize the EIS as quickly as possible, so this valuable project continues to move forward.

Sincerely,



Matthew H. Mead
Governor

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