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To: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Please do not approve Clean Water permits for the proposed Millenium Bulk Terminal in Longview. Transporting by train, stockpiling, and shipping 44 million tons of coal annually is not in the best interests of the State of Washington or the Columbia River. We need to protect our water quality – it is a priceless resource that is nearly impossible to replace once damaged. Coal dust and increased shipping traffic will both harm the quality of the Columbia River and make it less hospitable for salmon which is already becoming endangered. Safety on the river will also be adversely impacted by increased vessel traffic. Coal stockpiles at the terminal would need large amounts of water to decrease dust and this would make it more difficult to manage existing and already stressed water resources.

We know that burning coal is very detrimental to the environment and is a major contributor to climate change. The State of WA should not be cooperating with or promoting plans to ship more coal to Asia where its burning will have negative impacts on our own local climate as well as globally. Ocean acidification is already having adverse effects on marine life.

The citizens of this State have shown time and again that we want clean energy, not more exploitation of fossil fuels which are a prime contributor to our current climate crisis.

Rather than building the largest coal export terminal in North America, we need to take the initiative to promote clean energy development and become a national leader in this. Please make the right decision for our children and grandchildren's future, and for the health of the planet.

Thank you,
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