

Subject: Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview NEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers,

I support the “no action” alternative in the Millennium Bulk Terminals Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Millennium’s proposed coal export terminal would harm the Columbia River Gorge and communities throughout the Northwest along with the most intense impacts which would be felt in Longview, Washington, near the proposed terminal site.

This project would adversely affect the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. All trains servicing the terminal would transport carry coal in open coal cars through the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. It is well established that large amounts of coal dust and debris blow off of existing coal trains and contaminates the air, soil, and water throughout the National Scenic Area in violation of federal environmental laws. This terminal would greatly increase the number and rate of these trains, increasing congestion and posing an unnecessary and unmitigable risk to our communities and our environment. It would also negatively affect the scenic, cultural, and recreational aspects of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The draft EIS fails to consider and evaluate these impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

Please follow the law and consider these and all other cumulative impacts, including global warming, in your review of this project. I urge the Army Corps of Engineers to deny this coal export terminal and protect public health and the environment.