



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DENNIS DAUGAARD, GOVERNOR

June 13, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee  
Office of the Governor  
PO Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

RE: Millennium Bulk Terminals Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Governor Inslee,

South Dakota has an interest in the Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview coal export proposal, as a number of South Dakota residents are directly or indirectly employed in the Wyoming Coal industry, and the west coast rail infrastructure routes under review carry South Dakota agricultural exports. The four-year long process since the proposed project permit submittal has resulted in an extensive Draft Environmental Impact Statement. While there are many positive observations noted in the DEIS, South Dakota has two concerns.

The proposed mitigation for a rail-to-ship trans-loading facility to offset life cycle CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is an issue. First, the precedential nature of expanding the permit scope to conditions beyond the site itself to states in the mountain west and Asia is chilling for future infrastructure projects. Additionally, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are not unique to coal – the same might be referenced for planes, trucks and autos, along with agricultural products which use energy in their supply chains.

South Dakota strongly urges that alternatives to worldwide emission issues be found in lieu of strategies that would add cost and delay to much needed infrastructure development projects. Further burdens to exports, commerce, and the economy need to be avoided.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Daugaard".

Dennis Daugaard

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cc: Millennium Bulk Terminals