



June 12, 2016

Millennium Bulk Terminals EIS  
c/o ICF International  
710 Second Ave, Suite 550  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Re: Comment on Draft EIS for the Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview Proposal**

Dear Washington Department of Ecology and Cowlitz County Leaders,

People of faith around the State of Washington are doing our part to reduce use dirty fossil fuels. From our earliest scriptures to the recent encyclical by Pope Francis *Laudato Si*, we are told that all people of good will have a moral responsibility to protect and care for God's creation. We expect that our leaders will make wise decisions for Washington's families, land, air, and water on behalf of God's creation and the common good.

**This letter is to ask you to deny the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals in Longview, WA.**

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement clearly finds that this huge coal export project on the Columbia River will harm the health and economic vitality of Longview and other communities along the train tracks. To make matters worse, there is almost no discussion of what little mitigation is possible for the effects of coal dust, derailments, increased train traffic, air pollution, noise, harmful impacts on tribal culture and treaty fishing rights, and vehicle delay at railroad crossings.

Most importantly, the DEIS acknowledges that climate pollution is a destructive end product of coal export. The cost and damage of all aspects of this ill-conceived project are not worth the risks and expense to our neighbors and ourselves. **This permit should be denied.**

Rather than use the land and water of the Columbia Basin for a polluting and dangerous fossil fuel project, we ask that you steward our region toward sustainable and healthy growth. Do not put the burden of risky operations, global warming pollution, and un-mitigatable ecosystem destruction on the people and future generations of the Northwest.

**Please choose the "no action alternative" and deny the Millennium Bulk Terminals permit.**

Thank you,

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**Additional Comment:**

Transporting coal on trains throughout the Northwest would very much have a negative impact on people, animals, fish, birds, and environment. Keep fossil fuels in the ground! Find other ways to supply energy like solar!