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Subject: FW: LETTER REGARDING TRAINS CARRYING COAL THROUGH TRI-CITIES, WA
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On Jun 12, 2016, at 1:16 PM, Sharon Adkins <movnboots@yahoo.com> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern: PLEASE SEE THAT MY EMAIL GETS TO THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD HAVE HEARD MY COMMENTS AT THE PASCO MEETING.

I heard you were taking comments regarding allowing trains to travel through the Tri-Cities - specifically Kennewick, to carry train cars full of coal many times a day, through the middle of Kennewick, WA. I planned on coming to the Tri-Cities meeting but something came up and I was not able to attend. My first response was ABSOLUTELY NOT!!! Coal - creates coal dust - even with the "special coating" you will spray on it at the Pasco yard, prior to them coming though. Once I listened and read about the facts of them starting this I AM ADAMANTLY OPPOSED !!!

Our train tracks are busy enough and currently you may sit 10-15 minutes for some of the trains to cross through Kennewick. Cars are backed up for a long way each time, unless a short train happens through. Adding up to 6-7 trains full of coal a day, coming right through our city, will only cause not only health concerns, but traffic tie ups of which we haven't seen yet. People have jobs to get to, places to go, without being stopped numerous times during our days and nights to carry coal - which would not benefit the Tri-Cities in any way. Maybe 200 jobs - big deal. IS THAT WORTH OUR HEALTH RISKS AND THE INCONVENIENCE IT WILL CREATE FROM DAY ONE??? NO! NO! NO!

PLEASE TAKE YOUR COAL TRAINS SOMEWHERE ELSE!!!!

Sharon Adkins