

May,24th 2016

**Washington State Department of Ecology
EIS Public Hearing
Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview LLC
Cowlitz County Event Center: 5/24/2016:1300hrs.
Kelso, Washington 98626**

- 1.From a technical, engineering and safety perspective the properties of C:Coal are the following. It is highly flammable in the form of dust or vapor and in liquid fuel form. It is highly combustibile in either form. The area for its proposed storage has neither the specialized equipment, or facilities for an adequate safety response. Which calls in to question as to why an area more equipped for all the aspects mentioned above such as Tacoma, WA. or Portland, OR. have rejected similar proposals.**

- 2.It is well known that certain industries who stand to gain financially have bought and paid for certain past and present elected and public employees to influence a certain out come concerning this project. This procedure leaving the public at risk has been demonstrated with past volatile projects in the Lower Columbia Region most recently with another coal facility a few miles down stream at Port Westward, OR. A proponent of which also has an interest in this current project. As the year 2016 is a general election year there is political pressure that will “Trump” sound scientific, engineering, and safety principals for quick a political and financial return. And as always put the public in the acceptable, expendable category. With the coal sector of the world energy markets currently a house of financial cards ready to topple at any moment. I remind the WA. DOE staff of the huge debt left to Clatsop County, State of Oregon in the amount of \$198,000. in permit processing fees after an LNG facility and holding company went bankrupt. I submit to you that Millennium and it’s holding companies and investors are in worse financial shape. All one has to do is study their financial history available to anyone via the internet. Does the WA DOE intend to allow a similar debacle as happened in Clatsop Co.,OR?.**

- 3.It is also known that these certain industries who stand to gain financially have influenced certain transportation safety factors that put the public at risk. This is well evident with the SR 432, WSDOT project which is really a façade for this coal proposal which will wipeout several thriving local businesses.**

- 4.It is also known that as of the 2015 session of the Washington State legislature that increases in the filing fees for vehicle registrations were past on to the citizens of Washington State by local legislators bought with this coal projects interests money. While also increasing these very same legislator’s salary by voting themselves an 11%**

increase. All other State of Washington employees received less than 1%. Or no increase at all. Which calls in to question in considering this proposed EIS. Who does most of the work?.

5. At present in the world energy commodities and financial markets energy prices are at an all time low putting a severe strain on world banks who trade in this commodity. Resulting in a financial house of cards with less than stable so-called energy company's.

For the reasons so stated above The Washington DOE should cast a weary eye on projects said to provide employment at the point of the political election year gun while making scientific and the publics safety expendable issues.



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Restricted No Public Oral and Questions Meeting.SR432 Rail and Realignment&Highway Improvements Projects. Cowlitz County PUD.AUD.March 16th,2016:5:00 pm.

- 1.The fact that the last so-called public meeting on the SR432 issue was held without the ability of the public to orally ask questions of the elected officials and public employees present should call in to question the rules and laws of the State of Washington's open public meeting laws.**
- 2.It is well known that certain industries who stand to gain financially have bought and paid for certain past and present elected and public employees to influence a certain out come concerning this project.**
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For the reasons so stated above local resident should cast a weary eye on so- called transportation projects said to improve local transportation.

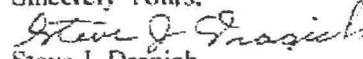
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To The Editor
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Sir:

In regard to the Millennium coal conglomerate giving political campaign payments to all 3 District 19 incumbents. Will Rodgers said it more than 60 years ago. "We have the best politicians money can buy". A clear example of Chief Justice Roberts Citizens United right here. With old Will it appears history does repeat itself.

Sincerely Yours:


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Roger Worth
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I believe in conversation. With the board right now, their only opportunity to talk is twice a month, and you don't really hear a lot of conversations.

— Dena Diamond-Ott

Hedge fund now owns Millennium

Denver firm buys controlling share from Ambre Energy; coal dock project gets timeline

By Shari Phiel

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One of the parent companies of Millennium Bulk Terminals, which wants to build a coal export dock in Longview, announced Wednesday that a Denver-based hedge fund now has a controlling share of its operations.

Resource Capital Funds now has up to a 55 percent ownership of Ambre Energy North America, which is part owner of Millennium. Ambre CEO Bill Chapman told the Daily News on Wednesday.

"From our perspective, it's good news that we've been waiting to announce," Chapman said. "RCF is a substantial fund that invests in natural resource projects, and their commitment is a delightful sign for us."

The transaction means that Ambre Energy Australia, the former principal owner, now has only a minority share of Ambre North America.

Chapman said RCF

should be seen as a reassurance that investors view the Longview project positively, and not as an indication of a lack of support from Ambre Australia.

"The news is all good," Chapman said.

RCF focuses its investments in mining ventures across the world. In North America, the company has invested in Avanti Mining, Uranium Resources International Nickel Inc. and others. The company has holdings in Spain, the United Kingdom, Africa, South America and Australia.

RCF first proposed expanding its holdings of Ambre Energy NA last December. At the company's annual meeting, shareholders authorized increasing RCF's stake in the company from 19.9 percent to 26.8 percent, and it gave the equity firm an option to convert a large standing loan into shares taking it up to 55 percent. It was approved by a large majority of shareholders.



ONLINE

See this story at TDN.com for a link to our complete archive collection of proposed coal export facility coverage.

POLL

at TDN.com to vote in our online poll: Has your opinion toward the coal dock changed since it was first proposed?

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worded it still to bring to the board."

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This stock buyout does not affect St. Louis-based Arch Coal's 38 percent ownership in the Millennium project.

Chapman also Wednesday said the Longview project has been given a schedule from the Washington Department of Ecology for an extensive environmental review. According to the schedule, the draft environmental impact statement will be ready for public review by September 2015, and a final report will be available by the summer of 2016.

"The good news here is that the schedule came when promised, and it's in writing," Chapman said. "With a schedule, we get the report done, the permits issued and then the job starts."

He said Millennium expects to spend \$8.5 million on the environmental studies, which must include off-site impacts such as air-

bon emissions from burning the coal and the locomotive emissions created by hauling coal from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming.

The project — taking coal through Longview on trains and exporting up to 44 million tons annually — has faced strong opposition from environmentalists, who are concerned about the impact of coal emis-

sions on climate change. Millennium says its terminal would add only 1 percent to the amount of coal burned in Asia and that the Longview project would create 138 jobs in addition to the 56 people already employed. Millennium moves bulk cargo, including some coal, at the site of the former Reynolds Metals Co. aluminum plant.

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