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Millennium Bulk Terminal Longview LLC
Environmental Impact Statement
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Cowlitz County, Washington
Kelso, Washington 98626

To The Board of The Washington Department of Ecology Assembled;

To illustrate the exposure to humans of absorption and ingestion of coal I submit the eye witness account of the late Emma Allar/Alban who lived with the family of Philip Dragich in Bear Creek, Carbon County, State of Montana. Not far from the origin of the coal for the proposed Millennium Terminal. The late Emma Alban was quoted in the history of her family which was placed in a book of her family and historical quarterly in the Cowlitz County Historical Museum.

“Uncle Philip worked the mines of Bear Creek. There were no showers at the mines. So everyday he would come home black from the coal. I would be sent to the other room while he bathed. This went on everyday.”

“ My mother Kata Dragich/Alar saw her first husband John killed in her sight during a mine workers strike while organizing the United Mine Workers of America ,State of Minnesota, in 1916. He was killed right on the lawn. I can only remember that I ran screaming after a car the gunmen were in. There were not many cars then”.

John Alar was an early organizer of the United Mine Workers Union. He was confirmed killed by a private mine owners police force pistol bullet at a corners inquest in Virginia ,St Louis County, State of Minnesota, Mesaba Iron Range.


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