

I am opposed to the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminal. I do not believe the coal dust will be suppressed enough to keep our air clean. I do not believe increased rail traffic will be safe enough for life to go on safely. I do not believe them when Millennium says the river will be kept clean. ~~There is too much at stake for this project to proceed.~~

Millennium will say anything to get their coal terminal built. They owe their allegiance to their stockholders and investors. Millennium wants to be our employer. They are not our friend. They want to keep their stockholders and investors as their friends. They want us to help them make a profit and will say anything to get what they want. ~~Millennium doesn't care about clean air or clean water.~~

Earlier plans for 5.7 million ton terminal is now a plan for 44 million tons after their internal communications were revealed. Was Millennium's plan to get permission for a smaller pile of coal, and then beg our forgiveness and pay fines when they exceeded the amount they proposed on their permit? How much can they be trusted?

Can they be trusted when they say they will create jobs. According to The Daily News, Millennium used phrases such as -

Expect to create

Mostly local

According to company's economic analysis

Expressing hopes

These phrases leave too much room for interpretation. *Can Millennium be trusted?*

Will Cowlitz County workers be at the top of the list for the "mostly local" jobs? *What is the salary for a full-time worker? \$50,000 per year? \$75,000 per year? \$100,000 per year? Will there be a profit sharing plan, health benefits, retirement plan, production bonuses? Will the Millennium executives live here? What percentage of the profits will leave Cowlitz County?*

The Daily News reported -

-300 Millennium jobs on same site Reynolds employed 950 That is only a third the jobs on the same site. *Could a different, cleaner business employ more Cowlitz County citizens?*
trains will -stop traffic at 3rd Avenue, Oregon Way, California Way and Industrial Way and
-working with Burlington Northern Santa Fe, haven't completed plan
Again, these phrases ~~leave~~ ^{are} too vague with too much room for interpretation.

How will businesses on 3rd Avenue, Oregon Way, California Way and Industrial Way be affected by the traffic backups caused by 16 coal ^{trains} per day? What will be the economic impact for those local businesses whose workers live here and pay taxes here? How will the 16 trains per day affect the people traveling through Longview who spend money at our local businesses? Are we sacrificing local business for the dirty coal industry already in poor financial health? *Will the port of Longview lose other potential shipping business due to*

There are still too many unknowns in this project. The project is prime for potential disasters. Don't let big coal's big money buy us with unproven promises. *Say no to dirty coal! Our natural environment is at stake and we should not game with it.*

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