

My name is Mary Kathryn Krygier. I am a mother, grandmother, and teacher. I am here because I care not only about my children and grandchildren, but all people on this planet.

I wish to address the health impacts of coal trains:

Tons of coal dust escaping from coal trains and terminals is carried over wide areas, contaminating our soils, crops, waters, and getting into our lungs. Coal dust contains mercury, arsenic, and lead, which are related to cancer, heart and lung diseases, increased asthma, and impaired neurological and brain health, which has negative impacts on our children's learning.

Coal burned in China and Asia comes back to the West Coast on the Jet Stream, polluting our ocean waters with mercury, and increasing air and soil pollution.

Diesel exhaust emissions are highly polluting, and carry many toxic substances, including benzene, arsenic, and formaldehyde. These can cause cancer, asthma, heart attacks, and have very negative effects on our children's health.

The decisions we make not only impact our city, county, state and region, but by shipping millions of tons of coal to China, the people of China and the surrounding area will suffer these health effects. The Himalayan region is already experiencing receding glaciers and reduced monsoons, which are sources of water and for growing crops for that vast region. Black carbon dust is part of the cause, and is also increasing global warming.

Please vote for a thorough cumulative impact study for Millennium Bulk Terminal. We have been leaders in promoting clean energy in the Northwest. Let's continue this and keep it coal free. Thank you!