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Washington State Dept. of Ecology

Dear members,

We are writing in opposition to the proposed Millennium coal export facility in Longview.

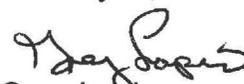
We have a number of concerns and are sure they will all be mentioned by others. Our primary concern has to do with the long term result of coal burning as it effects climate change. We have already passed 400 parts per million of CO2 in the atmosphere when knowledgeable scientists have stated that 350 should have been the goal. Over 95% of scientists believe that climate change is real and not some natural cyclical phenomenon. Almost 200 nations have signed a pledge to reduce co2 contributions. We are convinced that CO2 build up is a REAL problem.

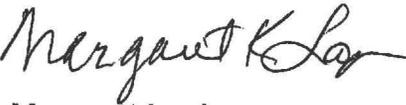
The consequences to our world if this trend continues will be very significant. Rising sea levels will result in mass displacements of people, loss of cities (and maybe even a few countries). The resulting overcrowding, competition for basic survival needs, increased disease epidemics, and inability of government to cope with the disasters will lead to riots and wars.

Individuals, communities, states, and countries need to take a moral stand to protect the future for our children, grandchildren, and further generations. This does not mean that coal burning will stop immediately, but no new export facilities should be permitted, particularly one of this size. The need for jobs in Cowlitz County is real, but the future cost of creating 135 jobs now is too large a price to pay.

Please think about your own families and the families of friends as you consider this proposal. Your decision on this proposal will have a significant impact on them in the future, one way or the other.

Thank you,

  
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