

## COMMENT FORM

Cowlitz County and the Washington Department of Ecology request your comments on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Millennium Bulk Terminals – Longview.

Written comments can be submitted a number of ways:

- Submit this completed comment form at one of the public hearings/open houses
- Mail this completed comment form: Millennium Bulk Terminals EIS, c/o ICF International, 710 Second Avenue, Suite 550, Seattle, WA 98104
- Complete and submit an online comment form: [www.millenniumbulkeiswa.gov](http://www.millenniumbulkeiswa.gov)

Comments on the SEPA Draft EIS are due by **June 13, 2016**.

Does your comment relate to one or more of the following areas?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Coal Dust                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetlands or Streams |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Health           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate Change                     | <input type="checkbox"/> EIS Regulatory Process         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rail Transportation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Plants and Animals                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other topic                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vessel Transportation  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Species, Fish, or Fisheries |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Transportation |  |   |

## PLEASE SHARE YOUR COMMENTS BELOW:

Millennium Bulk Terminals - Longview is a dirty, dangerous,  
antiquated project. Draft EIS finds the coal export  
project will harm the health and economic vitality of  
Longview and other communities along the train tracks.  
There is no mention in the D.E.I.S. of any minor  
mitigation possible for the effects of coal dust,  
derailment, increased train traffic, air pollution,  
noise, harmful impacts on tribal culture and  
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treaty fishing rights, and vehicle delay at railroad crossing.

Local rail infrastructure in Longview can't handle the additional coal trains - who would pay for upgrades? The DEIS masks impacts of vehicle wait time for trains, noise would exceed regulatory standards at many Longview homes, disproportionately impacting people of color and low income communities. The problem of coal dust is not addressed. The DEIS ignores significant economic and reputational risks to Longview and other communities impacted by coal trains and dust, real estate values decline in "coal towns".

The DEIS ignores the economic impacts on other users of the rail system, such as agriculture. Rail system capacity would be exceeded in Washington, Idaho and Montana. Who would pay for and bear the consequences of increased train accidents?

There is inadequate study of the risk of massive vessels transiting the Columbia River. The coal terminal would reduce access for tribal fisheries and harm salmon habitat. Coal dust lost from open rail cars has not been dealt with. Train and vessel traffic would far exceed what can be safely managed all along the systems.

Exporting coal abroad would make climate change worse, ~~increasing~~ <sup>increasing</sup> Washington state's greenhouse gas emissions by around 30%.

Economically, the project is a failure - consider: coal demand abroad is declining, the federal government is considering overhaul of the "federal leasing program".

Choose "no action" alternative.

Plan for health and vitality for all.

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