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Millennium Bulk Terminals
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Re: Millennium Bulk Terminals EIS - Longview (MBTL)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please include these comments in the record for the above-entitled proposal.

BNSF estimates up to 500 pounds of coal can be lost via dust from each rail car en route. Transporting coal to the proposed terminal, adding 16-18 additional trains per day to landscape and human lungs already besieged by coal dust, diesel fumes and particulates. Additional coal trains would also result in significant rail crossing delays and emergency response in Spokane and in smaller communities. And derailments and resultant weakened track structure are historically additional risks.

The Spokane and Columbia Rivers are subject to Powder River coal's negative impacts: 35% dirtier than diesel, 82% dirtier than natural gas. Further, coal's pollutants apparently detrimentally affect sensitive marine life in high-wind areas. And transport ships have the worst safety record of any commercial vessels.

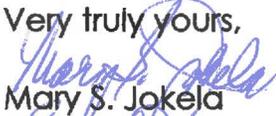
The proposed terminals would also facilitate trading coal for pollution that includes invasive species from tanker ship ballast water. We would likely be repaid with mercury pollution, increased climate impacts and ocean acidification which jeopardizes the marine food web.

Further, this venture provides a convenient stepping stone for cooling thermal coal market issues, spinoff of the deeply troubled worst-performing companies that historically declare bankruptcy. Taxpayers are thereby left to bear the cost of collapsing related infrastructure.

DOE, charged with the fiduciary responsibility to support Washington's earth, air, water, plants, animals, energy, environmental health, land use, and transportation, has stated additional coal transport would cause "significant and unavoidable carbon emissions." We can put the Longview property to better, beneficial and reasonable mitigation and use.

Move energy policy forward for Washington and the planet, not backward to 19th century fuel. Select the no-action alternative.

Very truly yours,


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