

Ramping up exports is key to Washington State economy and I am all for jobs.

Safety is a big concern for me. 2 years ago I had an opportunity to research the coal industry in Wyoming.

I toured, Dry Fork Plant a new coal base electric generation power plant, near Gillette Wyoming.

Before my visit, I actually thought those plants would be a lot dirtier, more dangerous, and many more regulation should be applied to coal plants, but what I saw was a State of the art facilities. What I saw was a very clean environment (spotless of coal dust). The Trains treated with a coated a sealant to create a crust on the coal to prevent dust from escaping.

Later I toured Cordero Rojo mine, a open pit Mine in Campbell County, near the city of Gillette. Once again trucks very clean- and as I stood in the pit and I did not see or smell any coal dust and there was monitors detecting if any dust particles or contaminants were in the air. And, there was water trucks keeping the ground stable as coal was being extracted below the top soil, then the soil covered back up.

There is an increase global demand especially in Asia and if our state does not support the expansion of export terminals in Washington, low sulfur coal Wyoming will head to Canada and our neighboring Country will take advantage of those exports.

Through mitigation, Millennium Bulk Terminals will have the state of art technology that the powered river basin in Montana and Wyoming had, and the rails will transport coal from mines to export terminals safely. I am support of Millennium Bulk terminals and the jobs it provides for Washington State.

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