

MILLENNIUM Bulk Terminals - Longview

EIS

Environmental Impact Statement



Agencies seek public comments about scope of environmental studies for a proposed Longview coal export terminal project

Scoping period August 16 to November 18, 2013

Local, state, and federal agencies are seeking public comments on the environmental review for a proposal by Millennium Bulk Terminals – Longview, LLC to construct and operate a coal export terminal at the site of the former Reynolds Aluminum smelter at 4029 Industrial Way, Longview, Washington.

Cowlitz County, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have determined that the proposed coal terminal could have a significant adverse environmental impact, and will require a formal study of those potential impacts through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. The county and state will evaluate the proposal as required under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The Corps, representing the federal government, will conduct a separate, but synchronized review guided by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Both EIS documents will provide a comprehensive and objective evaluation of potential environment impacts, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures that would avoid or minimize impacts. This analysis is necessary before any agency can act on any permit.



A public scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17 at the Cowlitz County Expo Center, 1900 7th Avenue in Longview.

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to seek public comment regarding the environmental issues that should be studied. The first scoping session for the NEPA process, hosted by the Corps, will take comments between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Doors open at noon. A second session for the SEPA process, hosted by Cowlitz County and Ecology, will run from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. People who attend will be able to submit written or verbal comments to be considered by the agencies. However, people do not need to attend these meetings to submit comments during the scoping period.

There are multiple ways to submit comments. All comments will be treated equally.



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All of the information provided at the September 17 meeting will also be available for viewing online at www.millenniumbulkeiswa.gov. The scoping comment period is open from August 16 to November 18, 2013.



Longview Scoping Meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 2013
Open House: Noon to 8 p.m.
Oral Comments: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Cowlitz County Expo Center, 1900 7th Avenue, Longview, WA 98632



Public Input

An EIS involves opportunities for public input during the scoping process where the public, agencies, tribes, and organizations are asked to help identify what the Draft EIS should analyze.

If you require this document in an alternative format or need accommodation at the scoping meeting please call (360) 993-6210 or TTY 711 for persons with speech impairments or loss of hearing.