

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING AGENDA

Open House: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Oral Public Comments – SEPA: 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Welcome
Ground Rules
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SCOPING MEETINGS

Longview: Tuesday, September 17, 2013,
Cowlitz County Expo Center

Spokane: Wednesday, September 25, 2013,
Spokane Convention Center

Pasco: Tuesday, October 1, 2013, The Trac Center

Clark County: Wednesday, October 9, 2013,
Clark County Fairgrounds

Tacoma: Thursday, October 17, 2013,
Tacoma Convention Center

GUIDE TO PARTICIPATING IN NEPA AND SEPA SCOPING

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and Cowlitz County are holding a 95-day scoping period for the environmental review process on the Millennium Bulk Terminals – Longview proposal as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) processes. Scoping is the first step in the EIS process and is used to identify potential issues to be studied in an EIS. Read on to learn more about how you can participate in this important step in both the state and federal EIS processes.

Scoping Process: August 16, 2013 – November 18, 2013

During the scoping period from August 16, 2013 to November 18, 2013 you can learn about the proposal, the EIS process, and provide scoping comments. All scoping comments are weighed equally, regardless of how they are received:

- Mail: Millennium Bulk Terminals EIS, c/o ICF International, 710 Second Avenue, Suite 550, Seattle, WA 98104
- Email: comments@millenniumbulkeiswa.gov
- Online: submit comments: www.millenniumbulkeiswa.gov
- In person at a scoping meeting

Each Scoping Meeting Will Include:

- A welcome area where you can learn about the meeting format and obtain a ticket for the lottery to provide verbal comments.
- An exhibit area where you can review information and talk to staff.
- A quiet area where you can provide written comments either by filling out a comment form or by talking to a court reporter.
- A public comment area where you can provide verbal comments in front of other community members.

Scoping Comments

As you're considering your scoping comments, remember that scoping is designed to gather input for developing draft EISs. The most useful scoping comments focus on the topics below to provide the Agencies with your input on what should be included in the state and federal EISs.

- Potentially affected resources and extent of study and analysis needed to understand each potential impact
- Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate (offset) effects of the proposal
- A reasonable range of alternatives, including alternative sites and project designs

The Agencies have already determined that there may be probable significant adverse impacts from this proposal and that is why the EISs are being developed.

All comments will be compiled into SEPA and NEPA scoping reports and considered by the responsible Agencies. Similar comments will be grouped and considered together. All comments – whether received once or numerous times, or received by email, letter or in person – will receive the same consideration. Decisions about what to include in the NEPA and SEPA EISs will be made by the Agencies and will be included in the scoping report.

SCOPING MEETING GROUND RULES

The Agencies are committed to providing safe and effective scoping meetings. Public input is a very important part of scoping. Scoping meetings and the scoping period are an opportunity to involve the public in the environmental review process and hear suggestions, questions, and concerns.

Local leaders and members of interested groups have communicated a common goal to co-lead agencies for the scoping meetings - a desire for a secure, non-intimidating, and respectful atmosphere that allows all voices to be heard. The Agencies propose specific ground rules to achieve this goal. Individuals who do not follow the ground rules and create an unsafe or intimidating environment will be asked to leave scoping meetings.

The Agencies ask all participants to honor the ground rules, to help maintain an open, secure and respectful tone for each meeting, and allow everyone's voice to be heard equally. Use of these ground rules will support productive and civil meetings.

Ground Rules:

1. Intimidating behavior will not be tolerated because it creates a disrespectful and threatening environment. Examples of intimidation that are prohibited include:
 - Confronting, blocking or interfering with attendees when they approach, enter, or engage in the scoping meeting venue.
 - Conducting rallies or demonstrations at the entrance or within the scoping meeting venue.
2. The Agencies will monitor the number of people entering the meeting space and, based on the safe capacities of these areas, may close the space to additional attendance if facility capacity is reached. When people depart and space becomes available, additional people will be allowed to enter.
3. In anticipation that many people want to provide oral comments before an audience, a time limit of two minutes per speaker is established for all scoping meetings and will be enforced.
 - Speakers will be chosen by a lottery drawing method to provide an unbiased selection of speakers. Silent expressions of support or opposition by giving a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" or raising one's hand, or a small sign for a few seconds are allowed if they do not disrupt speakers.
 - Clapping, cheering or jeering disrupts speakers. Such noise contributes to an intimidating atmosphere and is prohibited within the scoping meetings.
 - Speakers may be stopped when disruptive behavior such as sign waving or a mass activity like standing up as a group occurs. These actions will reduce the overall time allotted for people to speak and therefore fewer people will be able to provide comments.
 - Signs no larger than 100 square inches (such as 10" x 10") are allowed in the public comment areas. Signs should not be held up for extended periods as they block the view of others.
4. The Agencies reserve the right to close the meeting at any time if disruptions interfere with the opportunity for participants to make oral comments before an audience or there is a safety risk.

EQUAL ACCESS

To ensure equal access, the Agencies will provide auxiliary aids/services to persons with disabilities. Please call 360-993-6210 in Vancouver with any requests. Persons with hearing loss and speech disability can contact 711 for the Washington Relay Service. All meeting-related requests must be received 72 hours in advance.

Si usted requiere este documento en un formato alternativo, favor de comunicarse a la siguiente línea directa: 360-993-6210 o TTY 711 para las personas con discapacidad de habla o pérdida de audición. (Solo servicios en inglés).

COMMENTS

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

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