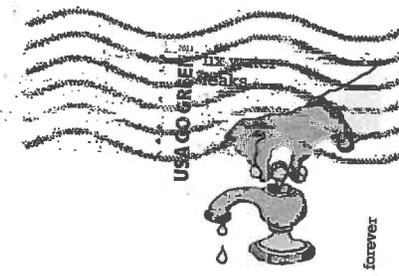


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Dear regulators,

I am writing to share my concern about the impact of the proposed export facility on the health of the local population and also the larger world population.

While there are many opinions about the validity of global warming or climate change there are certain factual observations that should not be ignored:

- CO₂ in the atmosphere is as high as ever recorded (as much as 400 ppm)
- Ice is melting at the poles at an unprecedented rate
- Weather disturbances have become more extreme
- Recent forest fires have become larger and more destructive.

All these trends are currently increasing.

The majority of the coal to be exported from Millennium in Longview would go to China, a country that is rapidly increasing its power generation capability to keep up with industrial growth and individual demand. The availability of this large supply from the United States means that China (and others) will be able to purchase at relatively low cost. There are other sources of coal in the world, but if the supply from the United States were removed, bulk prices would rise. Should this happen, China (and others) would be looking more seriously at other sources of power, most of which do not have as serious environmental consequences.

Some might argue that restricting the export of coal to foreign countries is beyond the purview of the agencies conducting these hearings. However, there is a moral issue here which should be considered by all. If the warming trends do in fact continue and the sea levels do rise, etc.; what kind of world are we passing on to future generations? I think it behooves all of us as individuals and as members of governing or influential bodies to take steps to prevent such developments. Even if the climate change that we are currently experiencing is a cyclical phenomenon, reducing the amount of CO₂ in the environment is a good thing. Slowing the proliferation of coal burning power generators around the world is a positive step in this direction.

Thank you,


Greg Lopic