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Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview EIS
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Subject: Docket number 2013-19738: Comment on Scope of EIS for Millennium Bulk Terminals
Longview LLC Coal Export Terminal

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, WA Department of Ecology, and Cowlitz County Commission,

I strongly oppose the construction of a coal export terminal at Longview, WA, which would transport coal on trains and ships throughout the Northwest.

This proposal would negatively affect my community by creating regular traffic congestion and blocking roads with the number of additional trains and longer trains. It is my understanding that the coal trains would be so long that one train would currently block and stop all traffic flowing through our industrial area. For our small community, short commutes to work are normal. Traveling a few miles only takes 15 minutes at the most with traffic lights and heavy traffic flow. With our current rail system, the traffic would be stopped due to the length of the coal trains and our travel time would substantially increase. How long could it take? Could it take 30 minutes to travel 3 miles? Could it take longer? This is not acceptable.

What would happen if there were an accident or fire at one of our local mills and a coal train was traveling the tracks through town blocking all the roads. How would the emergency vehicles get through? If there is not a plan, this could have devastating effects and a tragic impact to our community. Currently our community would have a conflict of vehicle traffic with increase train traffic from Millennium's coal terminal. For our safety and our community, changes between the two would need to be made and who would pay for these changes? This should be part of the approval process. Millennium should be willing to pay for most, if not all of the changes that would be needed. If they are a financially sound company, they should be able to and willing to pay for any changes needed to our traffic flow. I don't feel our community can afford these big changes to our infrastructure. Our economy is struggling and our safety is imperative.

Please consider our traffic, economy, and safety of our community when looking at these important impacts. This coal terminal will not benefit our community. I urge you to consider these in the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you,

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