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When I put on this red shirt I bought in China, I wondered if this project would be beneficial for the Chinese. The fact that Asia is a market for energy does not mean that more coal would be good for their citizens. After only 3 weeks in China I had a cough so bad I had to take a prescription expectorant for 3 months. **Air pollution from coal is killing Chinese.** If we really cared about them, we would **not** sell them more coal: they would find more green energy.

I am not asking you to examine what is good for the Chinese. But what happens there does affect us here: consider the blowback -- coal burned in China produces mercury that wafts back to us in the Pacific Northwest. It also affects global warming --the effects of climate change have serious implications for our economy and environment

I testified to the Oregon DEQ regarding the proposed Morrow terminal. We were asked to limit our comments to just the clean air and storm water permits. This felt like going to a hearing for a proposed crematorium at Auschwitz, and being told that the decision will be made **only** on whether the facility meets clean air standards—not on other effects, like how many people it would kill. To have a scope that narrow is **immoral.**

On the website of the Washington Department of Ecology it says: *“The citizens of Washington, the Legislature and Washington’s governors have made it a priority of state government to protect the environment and human health.”* Therefore, ALL factors affecting the environment and health of the citizens of Washington should be included in an EIS.

What are the **benefits** of this facility to the citizens? What are **the costs** to them? Unfortunately, citizens often bear the external costs that the company does not pay. **You must consider these things.**

- *Analyze impacts to every community affected by the transport of this coal.*
- *Assess the impacts of habitat alteration and pollutant impacts to natural resources.*

There must be comprehensive environmental impact assessment. There are overlapping agencies involved, but don't let that create cracks saying “this isn't in my scope.” You have to see the BIG PICTURE. **The future of the Pacific Northwest depends on the decisions YOU make.**