

Coal Hearing Testimony  
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My name is Marion Ward and I am a resident of Vancouver. I am generally opposed to a coal terminal at Longview but would change my mind if the following conditions were met.

That independent studies be conducted on surfactants to answer the following questions: (1) What are the ingredients in surfactants and what is their impact on the environment, both in manufacturing and in use? (2) How effective are they and for how many miles of train travel do they apply?

If surfactants are used as a way to mitigate coal dust and the aforementioned questions are adequately answered, it is imperative that there be independent verification of use.

In addition, the following conditions should be required to address concerns of potential victims:

- \* Health insurance should be provided by Millenium to all residents who lack health insurance residing within 1,000 feet of tracks from Montana to Longview
- \* Annual grants should be given to Clark County and the City of Vancouver by Millenium for loss of revenue.
- \* Grants should be given by Millenium to businesses that are negatively affected so that they can re-locate
- \* Property owners along the railroad tracks should be compensated by Millenium when their property is sold to reflect prior values.
- \* Millenium or commercial shipping companies should pay for all dredging costs.
- \* Taxpayers should not bear any responsibility for needed infrastructure improvements
- \* Farmers should be fairly compensated by Millenium for crop losses due to contaminated soil from Montana to Longview

And finally, the words “national and scenic” should be removed from the National Scenic Columbia River Gorge designation.

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