

MILLENNIUM Bulk Terminals-Longview

EIS Environmental Impact Statement



PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING COMMENT FORM

Please submit your comments on the Millennium Bulk Terminals – Longview Environmental Impact Statement by November 18, 2013 in order to ensure your comment is included in the scoping summary report. Comments can also be submitted online at <http://www.millenniumbulkeiswa.gov>.

To whom would you like to address your comments?

All Agencies
(NEPA and SEPA)

US Army Corps of Engineers
(NEPA)

Cowlitz County and the Washington
State Department of Ecology (SEPA)

Does your comment relate to one of the following areas?

Human Environment

Natural Environment

EIS Process

Noise

Plants and Animals

Alternatives

Air Quality

Marine Species, Fish, or Fisheries

EIS Regulatory Process

Human Health

Wetlands or Streams

Other EIS Process Topic

Transportation

Water Quality

Other Human Environment Topic

Other Natural Environment Topic

PLEASE SHARE YOUR COMMENTS BELOW:

See attached

(additional space is provided on the back)

Bonner County, Idaho

My name is Gary Payton of Sandpoint, Idaho...the community at the northern end of "the funnel" the town through which coal trains come to Spokane and roll on to the west. I urge the co-leads to develop EISs which address the full human and environment impact of more coal trains all the way from the mines, through MT, ID, and WA to coal fired power plants in Asia.

In May I was invited by the National Council of Churches to be the Idaho Ambassador to a national gathering in Washington DC called 50 States United for Healthy Air. I shared our concerns with Senator Crapo, Senator Risch, and a staffer of Representative Labrador.

You know the immediate issues: coal dust, diesel exhaust, potential derailment, health concerns, delays of emergency vehicles, property values, quality of life.

And we know our regional issues play out against the backdrop of accelerated climate change affecting 7 billion people and countless millions more in future generations.

Yes, it is about our region, but it also about ~~the~~ Creation. The voice of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Anglican Archbishop from South Africa and Nobel Peace Prize winner echoes in my ears. He says "Climate change is a deeply moral issue...in Africa we see the dreadful suffering of people from worsening drought, ...rising food prices,...floods, even though they have done nothing to cause the situation."

To the officials of the Corps, Washington Ecology, and Cowlitz County, I remind you of the words of Bill McKibben, environmentalist and Methodist Sunday School teacher.

"...you're in the relatively small subset of the Earth's population that both knows what's going on and has some kind of leverage to bring to bear on the situation."

I urge you to prepare programmatic EISs, and when complete to deny the terminal permits.

Leave the coal in the ground.

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