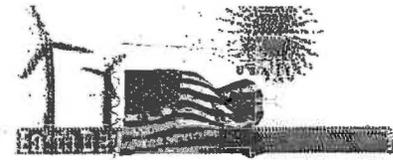


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Re: Scoping comment on the Millennium Bulk Terminals in Longview

Dear Co-Lead Agencies – Army Corp of Engineers, Washington Dept. of Ecology and Cowlitz County Commission:

As a mother and grandmother, my overriding concern about the Millennium Bulk Terminals proposed for Longview is the carbon dioxide (Co2) which will be added to the atmosphere when the coal is ultimately burned in Asia. The Millennium Bulk Terminal, if built, would be the largest coal terminal in North America, with plans to export 44 million tons of coal annually. Wherever that coal is burned, it will spew tons of Co2 into the air, a greenhouse gas that will remain in the atmosphere for centuries – some of it for millennia. Despite the warnings of climate scientists, carbon dioxide emissions are still rising. The current emissions trajectory is putting the world on a path to warm between 4 degrees and 6 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by the end of this century. Prominent climate scientists, like Kevin Anderson, warn us that humans may not be able to adapt to that degree of warming. **That means that we do not know if humans will survive in such a climate.** We do know that our food and water sources will be severely restricted by increased drought, ocean acidification, changes to the Asian monsoon, and increasingly severe storms.

In Washington, we are already impacted by the climate crisis – ocean acidification is threatening our shellfish industry and threatens the survival of salmon and the other fish on which our economy and much of the world depends. A study done in 2012 for the World Bank by the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and Climate Analytics concluded that if we reach 4 degree Celsius warming by the end of the century, we will have extreme heat-waves, declining global food stocks, loss of ecosystems and biodiversity, and life-threatening sea level rise. Given these dire predictions from scientists, it makes no sense to export coal when burning it anyplace will only add to the level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, increasing the chances that we will suffer catastrophic consequences from global warming.

I am requesting that you do a comprehensive study of the amount of Co2 which burning 44 million tons of coal will add each year to the greenhouse gases already in the atmosphere, and the cumulative amount of Co2 which will be added if that amount of coal is

burned each year during the estimated life of the program. It is also important that you use peer-reviewed scientific literature to judge the effect that adding billions of tons of Co2 to the Co2 levels already in the atmosphere will have on the lives of Washington citizens.

I realize this is an enormous and difficult task. But we are faced with an unprecedented threat to the livability of our climate and the survival of civilization. We cannot add to that threat by burning more coal.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the scope of the EIS for the Millenium Bulk Terminal proposed for Longview.

Sincerely,



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