

To: EIS Process Public Comment

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RS: Coal Trains thru Pasco WA State

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WA State Department of Ecology
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RE: Proposal by Millennium Bulk Terminals – Longview, LLC to build and operate a shipping terminal to export coal at the site of the former Reynolds Aluminum smelter at 4029 Industrial Way, Longview, WA.

Dear Agency, County and Corps participants in EIS study process,

I am a U.S. citizen and have resided in the city of Pasco, county of Franklin, WA for the past 30 years. Pasco has seen a fair amount of change and growth since I first moved here with my husband in 1983.

Thank you for asking for local input regarding the “coal train” proposal.

One thing I would NOT like to see transported right through the middle of Pasco are additional coal trains. Locally, the trains would impede traffic at on-grade crossings, increase noise pollution and contribute to an increase in airborne coal dust particulates. Our frequent windstorms will stir up ANYTHING in their path.

As an energy source, coal is the #1 contributor to global warming. Unless we say no to coal our children and grandchildren will suffer the consequences of climate change and a warming planet. Generating energy via coal-fired generating plants is becoming economically unprofitable in the United States. I believe we should not put our local and state environments at risk so that coal mining & transport companies have a way to ship coal overseas and pollute the air elsewhere: it’s all the same planet.

We can have clean energy jobs if citizens, unions, corporate America and political leaders have the will to make the change to clean energy. We can meet our energy needs by clean energy means but we need to... “leave the coal in the hole.”

Sincerely,



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