

Potential hazard of coal train to people's health and environment have not been well studied before

We need to know:

1. Does the cover spray on coal prevent micro-size dust particles from escaping. Because the micro-size particles are the most dangerous ones to human lungs.
2. If they escape, what will be the pollution level of the micro-size dust?

It is projected that 95 % increase in traffic by coal shipping in the Columbia River. In last decades, we have spent millions of dollars to bring back salmon into the Columbia River. This year we had a record salmon run. Will the coal shipping to China wipe out the effort we made to bring back salmon?

We need to know:

1. The impact of coal pollution from transport and mega coal piles at the port and diesel emission from tow boats discharged in air, water and aquatic system and the impact of the heavy coal traffic on fishing and tourist activities in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. These studies need to be done in the entire length of the river that coal and barge travel

FINAL COMMENT;

Our local taxes will be increased to accommodate coal train such as building overpasses to alleviate the lengthy roadblocks. Why do Washingtonians have to subsidize cheap coal for China?