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I am concerned about the river. Mill will be loading, unloading and mixing coal near our river, where the wind blows and using water for coal dust control.

Even if Mill can control the coal dust and water quality at their facility they will not be able to control it everywhere else.

Rains a lot.

Rain water running through uncovered coal cars will become contaminated with coal particles and the toxic chemicals used to control dust.

The contaminated, poison rain water will run through our communities and end up in our streams, rivers and the ocean.

Mill states in their proposal that this project will have negative effects on wetlands, rivers and wetland buffers. They name the Columbia, The Willamette and The Snake rivers. The proposal also states there will be negative impacts on endangered and threatened species and habitat.

Our precious salmon are on that list.

Already, the Army Corps concluded that coal dust from trains to the Transalta coal power plant in Centralia could harm wetlands & waterways. Corps & Ecology should address this issue for the Mill proposal as well.

Then there is the MV Smart, a coal ship, that crumbled into pieces, dumping massive quantities of coal into the water off South Africa.

I expect local, state and federal agencies to require safety policies & procedures that will protect the waterways from any amount of coal. There needs to be a specific plan for clean up of any accident. How will we be able we keep rain water out of the river.????

I would request the the Environmental Impact Statement review include the effects of coal dust, coal sludge and these toxic chemicals on our rivers, streams, oceans, wetlands. what will be the effects on endangered and threatened species and habitat. I want you to guarantee that our waterways will remain safe, clean and healthy