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Docket number 2013-19738: Comment on scope of EIS for Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview LLC Coal Export Terminal

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, WA Department of Ecology, and Cowlitz County Commission,

I strongly oppose the construction of a coal export terminal at Longview, WA which would transport coal on trains and ships throughout the Northwest.

This proposal would negatively affect my community by increasing congestion and noise with more coal train traffic, polluting our air and local waterways, harming existing businesses, and delaying emergency responders. Coal dust is toxic. It will damage aquatic ecosystems and fishing areas on the Columbia River, harm human health, increase tanker traffic and the potential for shipping accidents and spills, expand strip-mining in Wyoming and Montana, and escalate climate change.

I am also very concerned about the costs of maintaining the railroad infrastructure required for coal and oil trains. I understand that most of the costs for upgrades are paid for by the communities, not the railroad companies. I do not think that tax payers should have to pay for the improvements to the rail system that will be required to ship coal through our state. This is an insult on top of the injury that coal exports will bring.

I urge you to consider these impacts in the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,



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