

To whom it may concern:

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Scoping document meeting for public comment to the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposal by Millenium to create bulk-cargo shipping terminal at Longview, WA.

This document is also submitted as public input to any other shipping terminal proposal in the states of Washington and Oregon as of this date: October 17, 2013.

What type or types of cargo are planned to be transported to and from this facility?
How will each type of cargo be handled, stored, transported to and from ships, trucks, trains etc.? What percent of the cargo will be coal?

Address how more than one bulk-cargo type could be handled at this site?

Will more than one structure be built over the water and if so how many?

How will the handling, storing, transporting of cargo affect air quality within at least two miles surrounding the facility? Include over water structures and any areas where ships, trucks or trains must tie up, anchor or wait on train tracks or roads. Air quality must include wind blown particulates and engine emissions and odors.

If water is used to control dust emissions, how much water will be used? Where is the source of the water? Are other dust control methods considered? What are they?

Discuss the affects of dust control methods, including water, on the natural environment?

Address who will be responsible for keeping air quality within Washington State guidelines. Is the county in compliance now?

How will the arrival and departures affect the surrounding transport systems in place now?

What changes will be required by local agencies to accommodate the new facility?

Address sewer system, water system, trash-recycle-green waste pick up, electricity, roads, transportation, fuel storage, natural gas lines and tanks, fire safety with emergency response times for explosions, accidents and injuries, stroke, heart attack, asthma attack, toxic spills, etc. Where is the nearest hospital? Where is the nearest Coast Guard station? Where is the nearest helicopter pad? Will local agencies have to lower their levels of service to their communities in order to add services to the site?

Address response times for disasters such as floods and high tides, earthquakes, volcanoes, storms, tsunamis and rising sea level for worker safety.

How much grading and filling will be necessary? Will the land be filled to a higher level than the surrounding land? Will the surrounding land, roads, structures be more subject to flooding than at present? Will grading involve removal of soil and plant material and if so where will it go? What is the capacity at the receiving site at the present time?

Are there any wells on or near the site and if so how will they be treated so as to not contaminate the ground water? How high is the water table? Will any wells be installed?

How will the facility take care of runoff? Will any runoff go directly into the Columbia River? Will the runoff be treated in any way?

Does engine exhaust or cargo dust going into the Columbia River add to the acidity of the water? Address the acidity of the water in the water column at the site. Discuss changes in the water with times of the year and with water temperature.

How will spills be cleaned up from the land?

How will spills be cleaned up from the water?

Who is the responsible party to call in case of any accidents and spills during construction, after construction, when the terminal is operating, or even when the terminal is not operating (such as during a strike)? Who is expected to restore the environment and who will pay for the clean up?

Address the ancestral and present use of the land, shore and waters by people, plants, animals and fish. Address how to mitigate the loss of these uses.

How far out from the upland will the overwater structure extend? How wide will the widest shadow over the water be? Will dredging be necessary and if so where will the spoils go? Will there be fill placed in the river? Will fill be placed on or near the shore?

Address the affect on the marine environment during construction of this terminal. How long will construction take? Address the measures to mitigate the impacts of construction, such as protecting public resources like air, land and water quality.

Will small boats be able to stay safely near shore and pass under any in, or over the water structures, even at highest and lowest tide? Can people and/or animals walk along the riparian habitat?

How many lumens will be required to safely run the facility? How far away will light be visible? Discuss ways light can be adjusted to maintain the night sky so as not to attract

birds, and so people can see the stars. Most plants and animals require darkness in order to maintain natural life cycles.

How many decibels will be created by all the machines? How far away will the noise be heard? Include noise from horns, signals, engines, cargo transfers to and from trains, trucks, ships and storage areas. Address the problem that abrupt noise and sustained noise has on people and discuss ways to mitigate and eliminate noise on site.

Will there be an "end of life" fee structure (such as Superfund monies) that will enable the dismantling and restoring of the site to a more natural condition? Do plan conditions leave the public to pay for any or all of the final clean up and restoration?

What is the effect of adding this facility to the health of the Columbia River and to the Pacific Ocean waters, and to fish and shell fish, and to beauty in our great state, and to clean air, and quiet beaches, and star light?

If all this must be given up so bulk cargo can pass through our state, killing us slowly, then further transported to other people so they can kill themselves, and contributing to the death of the planet, then we are suicidal. We are also liars if we claim we want to lower the heat trapping gasses in the earth's atmosphere, restore the ph in the earth's ocean water and prevent the drowning of the earth's low lands.

We should pat ourselves on the back for making some good jobs for our professional state and federal workers. We must follow all the rules and regulations while writing this Environmental Impact Statement. And finally we must remember the "do nothing" option. Just say "NO" to all this and save everybody and everything.

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