

MILLENIUUM BULK TERMINALS- PASCO  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
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3 ELECTED OFFICIAL SPEAKER: My name is Larry Haler,  
4 State Representative, Eighth District, Benton County.

5 As the debates surround the export expansion of the  
6 coal issue here, we need to address two issues. Those  
7 are dealing with economic development. They deal with  
8 trade and export development.

9 It's becoming abundantly clear that one of  
10 Washington's fundamental needs is to grow its economy.

11 To do so our state needs to take advantage and  
12 diversify export opportunities by providing a  
13 consistent and streamlined regulatory review process.

14 The trade and export industry is one of the  
15 foundations of this state's economy. 40 percent -- it  
16 supports about 40 percent of our state's jobs and that  
17 there is much room for industrial growth in this area  
18 also.

19 Our facilities are projected to -- or these facilities  
20 that are being proposed are projected to give 12,000  
21 new jobs, \$800 million in wages, \$140 million in state  
22 and local revenue. In fact, the Farm Bureau has done  
23 a study saying that these numbers are fairly  
24 conservative. There is no debating the economic  
25 benefits of these proposed facilities for our state

1 and our trade industry in this state.

2 Our efforts should be focused on assuring Washington  
3 remains a trade and export leader through private  
4 expansion. That means providing consistent regulatory  
5 reviews to foster the full potential of industrial  
6 development.

7 If we ensure our state's reviews and regulations are  
8 done correctly, it will help, not hinder business  
9 development. It will go a long ways towards spurring  
10 our state's economic growth and prosperity. Thank you  
11 much for this opportunity.

12 ELECTED OFFICIAL SPEAKER: Thank you. And  
13 welcome to Franklin County. My name is Rick Miller.  
14 I'm a Franklin County commissioner. I strongly oppose  
15 the new global review standards they have proposed.  
16 To protect our economy and minimize potential damage  
17 to trade investments in Washington, the state must  
18 commit to advancing trade investments finalizing its  
19 review of the Millennium Terminals in a timely manner.

20 As I mentioned a few moments ago, I am  
21 Franklin County Commissioner and a former potato  
22 farmer. I know our state is dependent on our trade  
23 and export industry which is why I strongly oppose the  
24 unprecedented review the State is considering here.  
25 Make no mistake. Washington's proposed approach will

1 amount to regulatory paralysis for our economy. This  
2 decision is detrimental to future trade growth and  
3 sends a devastating message to those looking to invest  
4 in bringing jobs here.

5 Exports and trade are an integral part of  
6 future growth and jobs. To stay current we must  
7 continue to expand our capacity for trade to large and  
8 private investments like this terminal will make the  
9 region a more competitive trade hub securing the  
10 investments needed to grow our trade industry in the  
11 future.

12 For those reasons, I urge the state to  
13 conduct a timely and individualized review specific to  
14 the Millennium project. Thank you.

15 ELECTED OFFICIAL SPEAKER: Hello, I am State  
16 Representative Brad Klippert, Eighth Legislative  
17 District representing Richland, Kennewick, and West  
18 Richland. And as an elected official I want to tell  
19 you tonight that as my T-shirt says I fully support  
20 the idea of building terminals and building jobs here  
21 in Washington state through this great opportunity  
22 before us.

23 Since running for and being elected into  
24 public office, I have been told by many constituents  
25 and many people who care about Washington state, we

1 need to build Washington state's infrastructure. We  
2 need to help create more Washington state jobs. We  
3 need to create more public and private partnerships.

4 And as a member of the Washington State House  
5 Transportation Committee, I've had the railroads come  
6 before us, the Transportation Committee, and say if  
7 these trains continue to run through Washington state,  
8 they will continue to invest in Washington state  
9 railroad, which will be a benefit to our agriculture  
10 industry, for our citizens of Washington State, for  
11 transportation, and for many exports and imports in  
12 Washington state. It will support that entire economy  
13 through private investments in Washington state.

14 It will expand our ports in order to expand  
15 our jobs and expand our exports. I have been told we  
16 are one of the most trade dependent, if not the most  
17 dependent, state in the United States of America. And  
18 that's why it's important.

19 I've heard when opportunity knocks you need  
20 to answer. This is an opportunity knocking for  
21 Washington state to grow our infrastructure, to grow  
22 our ports, to grow our exports and grow our jobs.  
23 This is a great idea and I fully support it and I  
24 encourage you to also. Thank you very much.

25 ELECTED OFFICIAL SPEAKER: I am

1 Representative Susan Fagan and I welcome Cowlitz  
2 County and the Department of Ecology here. It's great  
3 to have you here and listening to the concerns that  
4 we're sharing with you this evening. I'll try not to  
5 repeat anything previous witnesses have shared with  
6 you.

7 I guess it's just -- I want to say many of  
8 the families and communities in my district rely on  
9 agriculture for their livelihood. And without  
10 affordable transportation, including rail imports, it  
11 will be hard for Washington agricultural products to  
12 remain competitive. Because, you know, just cents on  
13 a bushel of wheat can make a big difference as to  
14 whether our farmer are competitive.

15 The cost of transporting our products to  
16 buyers in Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan represents a  
17 significant portion of their final price. So the  
18 lower we keep these transportation costs, the more  
19 effective our farmers will be in winning business  
20 overseas.

21 So we have two major port competitors in  
22 British Columbia. And if we don't stay competitive  
23 that's where these products are going to be shipped  
24 from. So let's make sure, and I to want to be clear,  
25 after learning about the project in Longview, knowing

1 that a brown field is being cleaned up, knowing that  
2 jobs are going to be created both in the short term  
3 and in the long term, I fully support the project and  
4 ask that you not expand this review to have such broad  
5 impact because I'm very concerned not only with the  
6 delay, but how adversely it could affect it.

7 I am for Washington jobs and Washington  
8 farmers and keeping our transportation infrastructure  
9 strong. Thank you.

10 ELECTED OFFICIAL SPEAKER: Thank you. For  
11 the record, I'm State Senator Mark Schoesler, Ninth  
12 Legislative District for Richland. I'm in full  
13 support of the Millennium Terminals project in Cowlitz  
14 County. I am totally opposed to the expanded scope of  
15 review that this project has. If this precedence were  
16 to continue, it could affect imports and exports of  
17 containers with agricultural commodities, manufactured  
18 goods, further hurting commerce in the state of  
19 Washington.

20 This is a project that supports jobs. No  
21 part of this state has an acceptable unemployment  
22 rate. And this is all private sector investments. No  
23 one has come to me as a senator and said please give  
24 us infrastructure. This is private sector financing  
25 to grow our tax base.

1           As an individual farmer, I've had a shop for  
2 40 years within two blocks of a railroad that  
3 currently hauls coal. The extreme claims about coal  
4 dust just don't exist two blocks from the mainline. I  
5 have farmland that we've operated for decades as well  
6 within sight of the mainline of a railroad that  
7 carries coal. We just haven't seen the negative  
8 effects that some would say.

9           The precedent, once again, that has been  
10 proposed is unfair and burdensome. What commodity --  
11 what business will be asked next to go to such an  
12 extreme position. So again, in closing, I fully  
13 support the Cowlitz County project and totally oppose  
14 the expanded precedent here today. Thank you.

15           SPEAKER 3186: Well, I would like to take an  
16 opportunity to speak in favor of the Millennium  
17 Terminals project. I think what we're really talking  
18 about here when you talk about the objectives of this  
19 particular project: Coal dust, increased rail  
20 traffic, potential for accidents.

21           I really don't think that those are  
22 well-founded reasons. I think those reasons are  
23 offered because the fact of the matter is those people  
24 who oppose this project and don't support jobs and  
25 don't support economic development are doing so

1 because they have a world view that suggests that  
2 global warming is problematic and that coal  
3 contributes to that.

4 But that's not really why. They'll throw up  
5 other reasons for why they want to stop this project.  
6 Let's just say, for example, that perhaps global  
7 warming is an issue and is a problem. The fact of the  
8 matter is that most of this coal is going to go to  
9 China, and the Chinese are going to burn that coal  
10 anyway.

11 There's no reason why we shouldn't -- while  
12 we don't do things being good environmental stewards  
13 of America, shouldn't ship this product abroad to  
14 where there is demand. The fact of the matter is if  
15 we don't ship, the Wyoming Powder Basin coal will go  
16 through Canada. Why not have jobs in Washington  
17 state? Why not build infrastructure in Washington  
18 state rather than sending this stuff to Canada?

19 If we don't build the key stone pipeline, the  
20 same thing. The Canadians will ship this over the  
21 Pacific and they will ship this product across the  
22 sea. I think the fact of the matter is that these  
23 things are going to get burned anyway. Russia is  
24 increasing their exports of coal to China. We should  
25 not lose out on the economic opportunity and we should

1 build our infrastructure and we should build jobs here  
2 in the United States.

3 SPEAKER 3181: My name is Jerome Delvin. I'm  
4 a resident of Benton County and also serve as a Benton  
5 County commissioner. Prior to that I've spent 18  
6 years in the legislature working with a lot of trade  
7 issues, ecology issues, environmental issues, so I'm  
8 very familiar with the processes. I have an issue  
9 that this sets a precedence that no industry has had  
10 to face before. And I think other industries are  
11 going to look at this and say, Do I really want to  
12 make my investment in the state of Washington.

13 This is private money to sustain this  
14 project. This is private money willing to be invested  
15 that creates jobs. Many times I've traveled overseas  
16 in order to promote Washington products and they all  
17 talk about the shipping that we had available here  
18 from our ports here. If we don't expand those ports,  
19 we lose to other countries and we lose to other  
20 states.

21 We are trade dependent. And I think if we  
22 keep those jobs here, that's even better. So that's  
23 the -- I just have issues, and I would urge the  
24 legislature to really look at what this process is  
25 about. And maybe it's a policy decision that we need

1 to get involved in. Thank you.

2 SPEAKER 3186: Hi, my name is Danny. I am  
3 here to ask you to stop the coal trains. I need you  
4 to help me. My future is in your hands. The future  
5 of everyone's children is in your hands.

6 I can't vote. All I can do is trust you to  
7 listen and do what is right. I realize that people  
8 are worried about money for their families and their  
9 children. They want jobs and a prosperous economy.  
10 They are worried about right now. But if we do not  
11 stop the coal trains, children and their children's  
12 children will have a much bigger problem.

13 We might have to conserve our money, but our  
14 grandchildren will not have to conserve their  
15 environment. Our grandchildren will not have to worry  
16 about their air quality, their water quality, and a  
17 warming planet.

18 It is your job as adults to take care of  
19 children, to think of us. I am asking you to do that  
20 now. In the short term, this may seem like a good  
21 idea. But in the long term it will be a disaster.  
22 The scope of your EIS statement does not cover your  
23 grandchildren or your great grandchildren. Please be  
24 responsible with my future. Stop the coal trains.

25 SPEAKER 3194: Yes, Norm Osterman, Walla

1 Walla. I'm going to start with maybe a slightly  
2 different tact than most take with the financial  
3 condition of Ambre Energy, the majority owner. And I  
4 think it's entirely pertinent to an EIS with the  
5 Longview terminal.

6 According to two cite line articles, Ambre  
7 Energy's financial condition is just awful. According  
8 to them they have posted huge losses over the years  
9 with very, very little revenue. Would Ambre Energy  
10 have the financial wherewithal to build a terminal  
11 without cutting corners? Would they be able to pay  
12 for environmental cleanups? Is there some scam going  
13 on behind the scenes with Ambre as a front man, as a  
14 placeholder for Arch Coal or Coal Brothers?

15 They don't seem to have enough money to build  
16 a garage much less a coal terminal. And other  
17 considerations, a April 2011 Discover Magazine article  
18 notes that University of Washington atmospheric  
19 chemist Dan Jaffe's model of pollutants coming on the  
20 westerly winds from Asia indicates that Asian mercury  
21 can reach North America Pacific Northwest in as little  
22 as four days.

23 Why send it over if mercury is coming back to  
24 us. Towns and cities will be cut into more often with  
25 increased rail traffic, especially Spokane where the

1 rail line runs just north of the freeway. And  
2 Washington citizens will be on the hook for grade  
3 crossing improvements. Rail capacity will be  
4 challenged in the movement of goods and agricultural  
5 products will be affected.

6 SPEAKER 3088: Good afternoon. My name is  
7 William Smith. I'm a resident of Benton County and  
8 I'm also the president of the Central Washington  
9 building trades council. And I'm here today in  
10 support of the Millennium coal facility.

11 Recently we had a presentation by Millennium  
12 at a convention in Wenatchee. And they discussed how  
13 they were going to clean up a contaminated aluminum  
14 plant and build this wonderful facility that would put  
15 thousands of our members back to work, create  
16 prosperity for working families in Washington and give  
17 opportunities for continued apprenticeship.

18 With an aging work force, we have to look  
19 towards indenturing more apprentices in the building  
20 trades and moving them up through the ranks. Without  
21 these kinds of projects, it's going to be impossible  
22 to have a workforce that is able to do the work that  
23 needs to be done. I thank you for this opportunity.

24 SPEAKER 3160: My name is Derek Donley. I'm  
25 from Benton County, and I'm also the business

1 representative for the operative engineers in  
2 Washington. We're in full support of the Millennium  
3 Terminals. It's going to bring new investments to the  
4 state of Washington, specifically to the trade  
5 industry.

6           The direct benefit from this is 12,000 jobs,  
7 800 million in wages, over 140 million in tax revenue.  
8 This is also going to benefit the community by  
9 training the up-and-coming workforce. We have an  
10 aging workforce that is on decline. And we need to  
11 bring up new people into the ranks that will be making  
12 family earning wages.

13           It will also benefit the economy by  
14 stimulating the economy with those wages. Washington  
15 is putting its primary economic activity, trade, in  
16 jeopardy across multiple industries. To protect the  
17 economy and minimize potential damage to trade  
18 investments, we need to adopt individualized projects  
19 specific review for the Millennium Terminals.

20           Look, bottom line is if we do not get this  
21 going, there are other places that will step up.  
22 Canada will step up, California will step up. We  
23 might as well give away 12,000 jobs, 800 million in  
24 wages, and over 140 million in tax revenue to somebody  
25 else. Thank you.

1           SPEAKER 3202: My name is Randy Mullen. I  
2 reside here in Franklin County. I own Mullen Farms in  
3 Pasco where my family grows potatoes, sweet corn, and  
4 onions. I also serve as President of the National  
5 Potato Council.

6           I know that the agriculture industry is vital  
7 to the sustainability of the Northwest trade region.  
8 I know that in order for farmers to continue to  
9 compete and also play a role in strengthening our  
10 region's economy, we must have a great trade  
11 infrastructure.

12           This is what excites me about these projects,  
13 private investment. We need investments to enhance  
14 our trade infrastructure so we can get more goods to  
15 market and more efficiently. Projects like these  
16 support small businesses and local communities while  
17 strengthening our regional economy at a time when we  
18 are struggling across many industries.

19           Trade is responsible for 40 percent of jobs  
20 in Washington, which is the most trade-dependent state  
21 in the United States. Agriculture products are  
22 Washington's third largest export. Farmers in  
23 Washington state support these projects. And I am  
24 proud to say that the Washington State Farm Bureau and  
25 the American Farm Federation support these projects.

1 The sooner we get them underway the better. Thank you  
2 very much.

3 SPEAKER 3158: Good afternoon, my name is  
4 Lori Mattson. And I'm the president and CEO of the  
5 Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce. Welcome to  
6 the Tri-Cities. I represent nearly 1200 member  
7 businesses throughout the Tri-Cities. Our members  
8 range from small one-person shops to large  
9 corporations and span industries from agriculture to  
10 manufacturing.

11 Regardless of size, all of our members  
12 benefit from our state's ability to trade. As the  
13 fifth largest Chamber in the State of Washington, the  
14 Tri-Cities Regional Chamber is concerned about the  
15 impact of overreaching EIS would have on the economy  
16 of Washington state.

17 This is why we recently sent a letter to  
18 Governor Inslee communicating our concerns. The  
19 direction the state is taking sets a dangerous new  
20 precedent for other commodities and manufactured  
21 goods. All who care about exports, trade, and our  
22 regional economy should be concerned about the impact  
23 this decision could have on our ability to attract  
24 future investments to our state.

25 I join many others including the Association

1 of Washington Business and the Washington Public Ports  
2 Association in expressing our concern over the  
3 unprecedented environmental impact study proposed by  
4 the Department of Ecology for the project in Cowlitz  
5 County.

6 Imagine if apples and airplanes, wheat and  
7 wine, or any other products that are so important to  
8 our state's economy came subject to the same type of  
9 scope. Such an approach would be unprecedented for  
10 Washington state. In fact, for anywhere, and  
11 significantly undermines our ability to compete and  
12 grow our economy for future generations. We support a  
13 balanced approach that ensures both environmental  
14 protection and economic prosperity based in the EIS  
15 only on the impacts directly attributable to the  
16 terminal project and not risk setting a precedent that  
17 would damage our trade-based economy. Thank you.

18 SPEAKER 3207. Hello, I'm Alexandra Amonette  
19 from Richland. I think the EIS scope should address  
20 four things: One, if we keep burning coal and all  
21 fossil fuels will permanently destabilize our climate  
22 and threaten biological health and survival of  
23 humanity and other species.

24 Two, burning coal causes carbon dioxide  
25 pollution and is responsible for as much atmosphere

1 carbon dioxide as the other fossil fuels combined.  
2 Carbon dioxide sticks around for thousand of years in  
3 the atmosphere, traps heat, increases more water vapor  
4 that causes more frequent and intense storms like  
5 Sandy, droughts like in Texas, floods like in  
6 Colorado, fires like in Arizona, and ocean  
7 acidification that is destroying the shell fish off  
8 Washington's coastline.

9 Three, all the hidden costs of coal like the  
10 billions in healthcare and tens of thousands who die  
11 from breathing ozone and ash particulates from burning  
12 it every year.

13 Four, all climate impacts from mining to  
14 transport to burning and atmospheric and oceanic  
15 pollution.

16 Did you know that Goldman Sachs issued an  
17 investor report this summer and said foreign demand  
18 for coal will decline sharply in a few years? So why  
19 are we phasing out coal plants here, but considering  
20 permitting coal exports to Asia where it's a short  
21 term moneymaker for a few, but emits carbon dioxide  
22 causing further climate destabilization for all?

23 There is a way to secure jobs and clean  
24 energy. A market-based revenue-neutral carbon tax  
25 dividend with a border tax adjustment as proposed by

1 Citizens Climate Lobby. It places a tax on carbon  
2 based fuels at the source, like the mine, and  
3 increases steadily and predictably so that within a  
4 decade renewables like wind and solar become  
5 competitive with fossil fuels, 100 percent of the  
6 dividend comes back to us to help offset the increased  
7 energy costs.

8 We have a talented and intelligent workforce  
9 here in the Tri-Cities region already working on  
10 innovative clean renewable energy and energy  
11 efficiencies. As agents of government you have the  
12 opportunity and obligation to prevent more carbon  
13 dioxide pollution by stopping coal exporting in its  
14 tracks and encouraging carbon-free energy projects at  
15 industrial sites like Longview. Thank you.

16 SPEAKER 3129: Hello, my name is Steve  
17 Eriksen, and I live in Benton County. And I'm a  
18 pastor of the United Church of Christ, and I'm also on  
19 the board of directors of the Pacific Northwest  
20 Conference of the United Church of Christ.

21 And earlier this year our conference was  
22 asked to consider a resolution from our Justice and  
23 Witness Committee opposing the construction of coal  
24 export terminals and the transport of coal via trains  
25 from Montana and Wyoming to these terminals.

1           Our Board passed this resolution unanimously  
2 and we brought it to our annual meeting and it was  
3 passed unanimously by our annual meeting which  
4 consisted of representatives from all of our churches.  
5 I just want to read one paragraph from the resolution  
6 and then submit the resolution to the record.

7           We are creatures beloved of God just as other  
8 creatures are. When we as Christians are called to  
9 love God, love our neighbor, and love ourselves, we  
10 include as our neighbors everyone in the communities  
11 along the railroad tracks from Wyoming and Montana to  
12 the proposed ports on the coast.

13           The people in Asia, where the coal will be  
14 burned and the air pollution will be the worst and all  
15 of the citizens of the globe affected by the worsening  
16 effects of climate change, drought, flooding, fires,  
17 and intense storms.

18           SPEAKER 3115: I want to thank you all for  
19 taking your time to be here to listen to the various  
20 viewpoints. I'm Richard Badalament. I came here in  
21 1981, moved to Benton County, retired from the Air  
22 Force where I worked for 20 years. And in 20 years I  
23 worked on program acquisition.

24           One of the things that we were taught to do  
25 was to assess total life cycle costs. That is all of

1 the various costs from cradle to grave of any system  
2 whether a weapon system or any other sort of system.  
3 I believe that the EIS, the Environmental Impact  
4 Statement, is essential for us to be able to do that  
5 when we look at a project involving coal.

6 Coal has many externalities, air pollution,  
7 habitat destruction, health effects. And also has of  
8 course positive effects. But I encourage the EIS  
9 process and I thank you for making that possible.  
10 Thank you.

11 SPEAKER 3222: My name is Margie VanCleve.  
12 I'm a resident of Selah, Yakima County. I'm chair of  
13 19,000 members of the Washington state Sierra Club.  
14 Many members' interest in the Yakima Valley have  
15 recognized the threat of climate change.

16 In June of 2009, the Department of Ecology  
17 and Northwest Reclamation brought representatives from  
18 Yakima Nation District, the environmental  
19 organizations and federal, state, county, and city  
20 government together to form the Yakima River Basin  
21 Water Protection Working Group.

22 Full disclosure of the club is not part of  
23 this working group. The working group in turn is all  
24 we have -- the working group in turn develops the  
25 final problematic EIS for the Yakima River Basin

1 Integrated Water Resource Management Plan. In 2012,  
2 page ii states, Climate change projections indicate  
3 that there be will changes in runoff and stream flow  
4 patterns which will increase the need for  
5 pro-rationing and reduced flows for fishes.

6 These changes include decreased snow pack,  
7 decreased spring and summer runoff, increased disease  
8 and drought conditions. And increased impacts on fish  
9 from decreased flows, increased air and water  
10 temperature, and changes in timing and stream flows.

11 Why are we talking about transporting coal  
12 which will increase climate change when burned in Asia  
13 at the same time we're talking about needing billions  
14 of state and federal tax dollars for more water for  
15 fish and agriculture because of climate change? You  
16 can't have it both ways. Where is the consistency?  
17 This makes no sense. Thank you for your time.

18 SPEAKER 3045: Good afternoon. My name is  
19 Felix Vargas here from Pasco, Washington. I'm also  
20 retired from the U.S. Department State Forest Service  
21 and U.S. Army, with 31 years in service to my nation.  
22 Since retirement, I have been very concerned about the  
23 future that our community has and certainly business  
24 development is very poor, economic development.

25 And it's very important we look after our

1 newest generations of veterans. We have, as you may  
2 know, great numbers of men and women who are coming  
3 back from service overseas that are in need of  
4 employment. So I applaud any efforts that we have to  
5 develop opportunities for our newest generation of  
6 veterans to find a way to continue serving.

7 And I'm currently working with a service who  
8 provides different training for disabled veterans who  
9 need to go on with their lives and need to start new  
10 businesses. So I applaud the efforts of the  
11 Millennium people to bring us opportunities and work  
12 this way.

13 This is one of the highest unemployment  
14 regions in the state. We need to cut into that and we  
15 need to look after our young men and women here. And  
16 I think we can do so by looking at the environmental  
17 impact and also looking at what it means to this  
18 community. Thank you.

19 SPEAKER 3201: My name is Jonathan Olson,  
20 Benton County. The railroad is here. The mining is  
21 here. The port is here. This environment impact  
22 statement is not about burning coal. I mean why does  
23 it matter what the Chinese or Russians or Koreans or  
24 whoever are going to do with the commodities which are  
25 sold to them? It's not the point. I mean if we sell

1 someone corn, why does it matter? What if they burn  
2 corn?

3 This has nothing to do with the environment  
4 other than what's traveling through Washington state.  
5 Not Oregon, not Idaho, not Montana, not Illinois, not  
6 any other state. This statement should not be a broad  
7 scope. It should not be biased.

8 It's about the environmental impacts for  
9 Washington, emissions from trains, cars traveling to  
10 work, you know, this has nothing to do with burning  
11 coal. It's ridiculous. Um, it needs a timely review.  
12 It also needs to be reviewed by Washington. I already  
13 said that.

14 I work for BNSF. They provide good  
15 family-wage jobs. Longshoremen are provided good  
16 family-wage jobs. This is a great thing for this  
17 state. It's going to go to Canada if we don't do it.  
18 It's already going to Canada. The trains will travel  
19 through Washington up the Lewis to their destination  
20 whether it's in Washington state or Canada or Oregon.

21 It doesn't matter. It's already here.  
22 People are worried about first responders making it to  
23 9-1-1 calls. Our first responders are trained to  
24 avoid railroad crossings. I used to be a first  
25 responder. I've never had to wait at a railroad

1 crossing for a train. I've never been stuck in  
2 traffic. We're trained to avoid these situations. I  
3 guess I'm done. Thank you.

4 SPEAKER 3217: Good evening. I'm Steve  
5 Cooper. I'm a farmer from Franklin County. I'm here  
6 to testify on behalf of Washington's second largest  
7 trade industry, food and agriculture. I own a farm  
8 that exports alfalfa, wheat, peppermint, and grass  
9 seed.

10 As an exporter I understand the direct  
11 benefits big investments provide smaller exporters.  
12 Large private investments like the proposed export  
13 facilities create new opportunities for Washington  
14 products to reach growing international markets,  
15 providing long term economic growth for our state.

16 A global review like the one adopted for the  
17 Gateway Terminal would be detrimental for our  
18 trade-dependant state. With these standards we set  
19 the expectation that any project whether it's  
20 agriculture, airplanes, or timber could be subject to  
21 these global reviews. This is why I urge you to  
22 conduct an individualized review of the proposed  
23 export expansion at Longview.

24 According to our state's already strict  
25 environmental laws, this project has been on hold for

1 a year-and-a-half awaiting study. It's time to get  
2 moving. Two of the farms I farm are in close  
3 proximity to the railroad tracks. One in Mesa and one  
4 near the town of Connell. And I have yet to see any  
5 dust coming off the coal trains. Thank you.

6 ELECTED OFFICIAL SPEAKER: Thank you. I'm  
7 going to claim some of Franklin County home turf so if  
8 I go past two, shove me off the stage. I'm retired  
9 airport officer, spent a large part of my career  
10 working in the eco process and, in fact, conducting  
11 scoping meetings very much like you're doing here.  
12 And I understand well what your challenge is.

13 A scoping meeting isn't just to count up how  
14 many people are pro and how many are con, but to look  
15 at the peripheral issues of things that maybe haven't  
16 come up previously. So I'm going to try not to repeat  
17 what other people have said and offer you some new  
18 thought.

19 I'm sure you've heard it before, but I'm not  
20 sure you heard it here tonight. Let me slip in  
21 quickly, because it ties in later, climate change may  
22 be real, but we can argue endlessly about what the  
23 cause is. We're not going to solve that here tonight  
24 and we're not going to change the reality of global  
25 warming or climate change or whatever we want to call

1 it with this one issue.

2 So under the heading of scoping and what  
3 hasn't been discussed is that in about a year the  
4 Panama Canal will open in a much larger scale than  
5 we've known previously. They will be able to take  
6 ships far larger than have gone through before. A few  
7 years after that they're going to make further  
8 improvements to allow them to take even bigger  
9 container ships.

10 And what will happen is those Asian markets  
11 will move up through the Panama Canal up to the Port  
12 of Houston and they're going to serve the central part  
13 of our country there instead of through our Puget  
14 Sound ports. And what doesn't go there is going to  
15 Vancouver.

16 This infrastructure, this chain that goes  
17 from the Powder Basin in Wyoming or Randy Mullen's  
18 farm or Gary Miller's organic orchard, or any number  
19 of local growers, that chain from where those products  
20 are produced all the way to the Asian markets, that  
21 chain must be strong all along the way.

22 We've got a good rail system, but we need  
23 those terminals on the coast so those products can be  
24 moved along the those ports. The Panama Canal will  
25 take a large portion of our market, together with

1 Vancouver, if we don't build this terminal. And for  
2 those who think that CO2 is going to end the earth,  
3 it's a little arrogant. I think the good Lord will  
4 decide our climate. Thank you.

5 ELECTED OFFICIAL SPEAKER: I'm Kennewick City  
6 Council Member Bob Parks. Thank you very much for  
7 your time. I appreciate you sitting through this  
8 public hearing. I won't belabor a lot of things that  
9 have already been said. I spoke with a lot of  
10 residents of Kennewick about this issue and they said  
11 they're supportive of it.

12 I want to talk about jobs and creating jobs  
13 and now our state governor wants to kill jobs. That's  
14 very sad. I'm republic of TCO and also union member.  
15 And I'm glad to see the unions come out and support  
16 this. I hope in the next election you'll remember who  
17 they were supporting and who didn't provide the jobs.  
18 Thank you very much.

19 SPEAKER 3265: Hello, my name is Shirley  
20 Lucas. I'm a former teacher and I'm here because I'm  
21 concerned about the health effects of the trains that  
22 will come through our town as well as every town  
23 between here and possibly Bellingham, as well as  
24 Longview, all through the state of Washington. I'm  
25 concerned because I want you to keep in mind the word

1 "cumulative." There's no project as huge as this one  
2 with cumulative effect of ten to 15 years, 8,800,000  
3 metric tons of coal to be moved across this country.  
4 It's very serious. My main reasons to be concerned in  
5 small scope is that we have 16,500 Pasco students who  
6 won't be safe on their playgrounds, who will grow up  
7 in a coal -- in an atmosphere of coal gases and coal  
8 particulates plus diesel fuel gases and particulates,  
9 which are very, very dangerous to the health and  
10 well-being of not only children, but older people like  
11 myself, also very dangerous to anyone with an illness  
12 of any kind.

13 Now, I was going to talk more about that, but  
14 suddenly I thought, wait a minute, and this is what I  
15 wrote just before I came today. Stop the coal trains  
16 because they will cost taxpayers not -- I'm sorry, not  
17 because they will cost taxpayers countless millions or  
18 endanger our health or destroy our quality of life,  
19 which I believe they will. Do it because it will save  
20 the planet.

21 SPEAKER 3197: Good evening and thanks for  
22 coming to Pasco to hear the comments of concerned  
23 citizens regarding the Millennium coal export  
24 terminals. I'm Helen Yost representing about 2000  
25 members of the Climate Activist Group, Wildlife,

1 Rising Tides.

2 I hail from Moscow, Idaho and traveled that  
3 distance to speak to you today primarily about the  
4 climate change impact of this port. We also opposed  
5 the Tar Sands infrastructure shipments that came out  
6 the Port of Pasco and went up Highway 395 between 2011  
7 and 2012.

8 I would like to remind you that coal-fired  
9 power plants contribute the largest carbon dioxide  
10 gases and greenhouse emissions in the world. Building  
11 the Millennium Bulk Terminals will encourage emissions  
12 of toxic substances like sulphur dioxide, nitrous  
13 oxide, arsenic, and heavy metals like chromium,  
14 cadmium, and mercury. Humans breathe each about 35  
15 pounds of air every single day along with all the  
16 other creature on this earth.

17 We will, of course, be incorporating those  
18 toxic substances into our bodies, thanks to this  
19 terminal and providing coal to Asian countries, the  
20 destination of this coal export proposal. Carbon  
21 dioxide contributes 83 percent of all emissions over  
22 the last 20 years and certainly this port and the  
23 burning of coal will contribute even more.

24 So we ask in your environmental analysis that  
25 you not only consider this dirty energy project, but

1 also the alternative energy projects that would  
2 produce more jobs if these projects are allowed to go  
3 through like this project that seems to be rubber  
4 stamped by the federal, state, and county agencies.

5 And in response to our clients I would argue  
6 that if we don't ship coal to Asian countries, we're  
7 not losing out on an opportunity. It's like saying,  
8 Hey kid, if you don't go out and get drugs, somebody  
9 else will.

10 SPEAKER 3212: I'm Madeleine Brown. I live  
11 in Benton County. Washington Department of Ecology,  
12 Whatcom County, follow the state law. SEPA is broadly  
13 worded to require consideration of environmental  
14 impacts. It directs agencies to act in the fullest  
15 extent possible when assessing environmental impacts.  
16 It is directly related to Ecology to look beyond your  
17 jurisdictional boundaries. Look at the impacts from  
18 burning coal.

19 Consider the impacts to the climate from  
20 adding more greenhouse gases. Consider the impacts to  
21 the waters of the state, the fish, and the children  
22 for mercury that drifts in the air currents right back  
23 to the western shore of the United States.

24 Even the state's Department of Health website  
25 admits that mercury in our rivers is from the burning

1 of coal. Consider the impacts to rivers and aquifers  
2 in the Powder River Basin. Consider the impacts to  
3 wildlife that could live there if not from the  
4 destruction from the mining. Consider the impacts  
5 from the fisheries and sensitive species that nest in  
6 the Alaskan Islands that coal ships would travel near.

7 Your EIS, not only can it have direct effects  
8 under SEPA, you must consider indirect effects and  
9 cumulative effects. You must take into consideration  
10 the impacts from Bellingham and the Gorge in the coal  
11 proposals.

12 Your SEPA EIS should also address the  
13 elements you that, you, Ecology, criticize the feds  
14 for not addressing: fugitive dust from the coal,  
15 derailment and spill prevention and response,  
16 especially in scenic and sensitive areas over all rail  
17 capacity.

18 Impacts on commuter Amtrak service and  
19 traffic impacts from the increased rail traffic.  
20 Washington, your EIS must be comprehensive,  
21 cumulative, and consider impacts beyond state  
22 boundaries.

23 SPEAKER 3075: Hello, my name is Paul Brown.  
24 I represent the local chairman here for the Smart  
25 Union and the UTU. We're the guys that ride these

1 coal trains, the conductors that take them.

2 I just need to get on the record that we  
3 support these coal trains. And with the increased  
4 coal trains, it will bring more money to our families,  
5 our community, and will increase the -- just the life  
6 of the railroader here. More trains, more options.  
7 It will increase our lifestyle. Also, out of all our  
8 employees who work out around the coal trains that are  
9 currently there, they have not seen any kind of health  
10 issue that come from that train or dust. So, anyway.  
11 Thank you.

12 SPEAKER 3147: My name is Toyoko Tsukuda.  
13 I'm a scientist from Benton County. Potential hazard  
14 of coal train to people's health and environment have  
15 not been well studied before. We need to know that  
16 the cover spray on the coal prevents micro-sized dust  
17 particles from escaping. Because the micro-sized  
18 particles are the most dangerous ones to human lungs.  
19 If they escape what will be the pollution level of  
20 micro-sized dust?

21 It is projected that 95 percent increase in  
22 traffic by coal shipping in the Columbia River. In  
23 last decade we have spent millions of dollars to bring  
24 back salmon into the Columbia. This year we had a  
25 record number of salmon in the Columbia. With the

1 coal being shipped to China, what about the effort we  
2 made to bring back the salmon?

3 We need to know the impact of coal pollution  
4 from transport and the coal piles at the port and the  
5 diesel emissions from tow boats discharged in the air,  
6 water, and aquatic system, and the impact of repeated  
7 coal traffic on fishing and aquatic activities in the  
8 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic area.

9 These studies need to be done in the entire  
10 land of the river that the coal and barge travel. And  
11 my final comment, our local taxes will be increased to  
12 accommodate coal train such as building overpasses to  
13 alleviate the lengthy road blocks. Why do  
14 Washingtonians have to subsidize cheap coal for China?  
15 Thank you.

16 SPEAKER 3213: My name is Lora Rathbone, and  
17 I'm from Benton County. And I'm asking you to study  
18 the effect of the increased mercury in the Columbia  
19 River due to coal. There was a story in the  
20 Tri-Cities Herald, September 24th, where Oregon and  
21 Washington Department of Health issued a recent fish  
22 warning to not eat the fish due to mercury -- also  
23 PCBs, but mercury, which we know will result from  
24 increased coal transport.

25 This was particularly for the regions of

1 McNary and Bonneville Dam which happens to be where  
2 the Port of Morrow is where they're going to transfer  
3 the coal from the trains to the barges. And so, I'm  
4 concerned about the increased mercury in our river  
5 that will occur with this coal transport.

6 And as a person of faith, I feel that it is  
7 immoral to put jobs, the few jobs that these people  
8 are concerned about over the health of our children  
9 and our planet. We do want jobs, but we believe that  
10 we can find clean sustainable jobs not from coal.

11 And one more consideration on agriculture.  
12 The people that are supporting coal may want to look  
13 into what that might mean if coal and oil that is also  
14 being used is being transported now by trains, will  
15 they be bumped? Will coal take precedence over  
16 agricultural products being exported by train? Thank  
17 you.

18 SPEAKER 3221: Good evening. Thank you for  
19 the opportunity to be here. My name is Vicky Stifter.  
20 I live in -- down the Columbia River in the Columbia  
21 River Gorge. And I travelled here to speak to you  
22 because I'm a mother of two young children and I'm a  
23 minister and human being with a great love for this  
24 precious planet.

25 I support living wage jobs in our communities

1 and I support healthy children in our communities. My  
2 daddy was a union man. I learned jobs are important,  
3 but you don't pit jobs against the health and  
4 well-being of your children ever, ever. I'm greatly  
5 concerned about the impact of the proposed coal  
6 shipments through our communities, where the coal will  
7 be burned and further increase the levels of dangerous  
8 CO2 in our atmosphere.

9           Sadly those of us who are in blue shirts and  
10 red shirts and everything in between are on a crash  
11 course with disaster through the mining of fossil  
12 fuels, most notably coal. The world's brightest  
13 scientists tell us that we're on target to raise the  
14 temperature of the planet by two degrees Celsius in  
15 less than 20 years.

16           In fact, at current rates that we are likely  
17 to go off our cliff in 16 years. How old will you be  
18 in 16 years? How old will your children and  
19 grandchildren be? This may sound a little overly  
20 alarmist. I wish it was. But we have more and more  
21 dramatic wake up calls.

22           As a person of faith, I'm called to protect  
23 and honor creation, the gift of our loving God. As a  
24 mother, I'm called to protect and nurture my children.  
25 In fact, the children of the whole world. We cannot

1 and must not allow our rivers and rails to serve as  
2 corridor for the shipment of deadly coal. We must  
3 choose life and choose it now. The stakes are  
4 immense. May your wisdom -- I pray that our wisdom  
5 and courage may be even greater. Thank you.

6 SPEAKER 3096: My name is Norm Cimon, and I'm  
7 from Union County, Oregon. I would like to thank the  
8 state of Washington for the expanded scoping. It's a  
9 big deal. The issues I'm going to address are  
10 affected resources and significant adverse impacts.  
11 Heavy Traffic Ahead was a report commissioned by the  
12 Western Organization of Resource Councils that found  
13 that based on announced and proposed expansion plans,  
14 coal shipments could well exceed 75 million tons per  
15 year by 2017 and 170 million tons per year by 2022.  
16 That's what's been filed.

17 To transport that much coal, 34 fully loaded  
18 coal trains, 125 cars each would be needed with one  
19 being unloaded every 12 seconds every day of the year  
20 at one of the Northwest ports. That's what we're  
21 talking about. BNSF has done a study indicating that  
22 from 500 pounds to a ton of coal can escape from a  
23 single loaded coal car.

24 That means 500,000 to 1.1 million tons of  
25 coal dust a day will be lost from the trains just in

1 the Columbia Basin. In the wintertime that dust will  
2 wind up on the ground, and waterways, or the cloud  
3 bank that seals off the Basin for weeks at a time.  
4 That cloud extends to the mountain on all sides.

5 That's the inversion layer. The coal dust is  
6 suspended in the cloud and falls out as soon as the  
7 rain and snow return. It will end up in the streams  
8 and rivers feeding the Columbia. That will hurt the  
9 insect population feeding salmon, steelhead migrating  
10 throughout the river system in both Washington and  
11 Oregon.

12 Other times of the year, the coal dust lofted  
13 high into the air will be transported around the  
14 region. The dust is a public health issue, one that  
15 will cost money and lives. Since the dust will end up  
16 in the soil and water, it's a farm issue. The dust is  
17 an issue for anyone who maintains equipment. Coal  
18 dust is abrasive. It can damage anything from heavy  
19 machinery, computer servers.

20 If the proposal for 170 million tons a year  
21 transport becomes a reality, tons of dust from all  
22 that coal will be injected into the Columbia Basin.  
23 That's a problem for Washington and for Oregon.  
24 There's nothing green about coal dust. Thank you.

25 SPEAKER 3274: I'm Charlie Card. I've raised

1 livestock in Benton County. I was a former lineman  
2 for the PUD. I've been around the power industry and  
3 this river all my life. In fact, I'm a dam brat. I  
4 was born at Coulee Dam. These people are talking  
5 about ecology, dust, every other thing.

6 The truth of the matter is we've got a  
7 population problem. That's really what it is.  
8 There's too many people and not enough food. If we  
9 can't use our resources, we've got to do something  
10 else. And the Columbia River and the chance to build  
11 that port are very different, but resources we should  
12 use.

13 People squaller about not having everything  
14 and they've got five kids. I'm sorry, I can't go  
15 along with that. So let's put our money where our  
16 mouth is and watch our birth control and for Pete's  
17 sake, let's grow. You can't support those kids  
18 without jobs. Thank you very much.

19 SPEAKER 3273: My name is Jessi Alward. I'm  
20 currently a summer intern at Millennium. This is my  
21 second year I've been a summer intern at Millennium.  
22 This has given me the opportunity to pay off my  
23 college. I recently graduated. Also my family has  
24 worked on this site my whole life. My grandfather  
25 worked there, my mother worked there, and my brother

1 has also worked there. This site has raised me and my  
2 family and I hope that it will fund my future. I hope  
3 you will be fair to Millennium and give them the  
4 chance that they need. Thank you.

5 SPEAKER 3152: Hello, my name is Brenda High.  
6 I'm from Franklin County. I'm a state committee  
7 woman. You know, if the regulators are going to look  
8 at the environmental impacts of global coal  
9 consumption, shouldn't the benefits of low cost  
10 electrical services to the poor in the world be  
11 examined, such as the benefits of refrigeration, hot  
12 water, improved healthcare associated with electrical  
13 services. We Americans and citizens of Washington  
14 state take readily available power for granted. And  
15 unlike most of the U.S. that relies on coal for  
16 electrical power, um, in the Northwest we take hydro  
17 power for granted. The majority of the countries of  
18 the world do not have continuous and reliable power,  
19 and if they do, it's not usually coal power. The  
20 sense of balance should be made when looking at the  
21 environmental impact versus the worldwide health,  
22 social, and economic benefits of coal-based power.  
23 And I emphasize the word "they" or regulators. We  
24 have a problem with regulation. And it's been going  
25 on for 237 years. In the Declaration of Independence,

1 it says, He, King George, has erected a multitude of  
2 new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to  
3 harass our people and to eat out their substance. We  
4 need to stop the harassment of organizations that with  
5 money, with investment money that can help our nation  
6 and help our state. And thank you for being here to  
7 listen to us.

8 SPEAKER 3090: My name is Dave Gillihan. And  
9 I am Millennium. My wife and I have lived and worked  
10 in Cowlitz County all of our lives. We raised our  
11 children there. We don't want to live anywhere else.  
12 I have been employed on the old Reynolds site for 40  
13 years in February. It's a site that's zoned  
14 industrial and it will stay that way.

15 My father worked there before I was born, so  
16 you can say I'm a second generation on-site. I would  
17 really like to pass that on to my grandchildren. Good  
18 paying jobs with benefits that match are not easy to  
19 find. Millennium Terminals is a godsend to 30 plus  
20 people who are currently employed there.

21 We have cleaned the site from top to bottom  
22 with no promises. All we hope for is the chance to  
23 build on a dream. A dream of a new port and  
24 state-of-the-art coal terminal. I've heard there are  
25 12 foot coal drifts along Burlington's tracks. Show

1 me.

2 The Reynolds site has been using coal for the  
3 last 70 years. I'm sure you will find a nugget or  
4 two, but if you consider 70 years worth of use, that's  
5 an outstanding record. Let any other business show  
6 that loss of product on shipment. I call that  
7 success.

8 If the coal companies lost that amount, they  
9 wouldn't use rail. It's not cost effective. Everyone  
10 keeps criticizing the coal companies for wanting to  
11 make money. I hate to tell you, but if you don't make  
12 money, you go bankrupt. How do you stay in business  
13 if you lose money?

14 The government is the only one that gets away  
15 with that. We all know rail traffic is going to  
16 increase. It will whether the coal terminal goes in  
17 or not. The correct way to go about this to work  
18 through the problems, not hide your head in the sand.  
19 I believe there is a solution to every problem.

20 If I wanted to play devil's advocate, I could  
21 tear town everything you're trying to do. It's easy  
22 to criticize and tear down. The hard part is to build  
23 and be creative, to create something that benefits  
24 everyone, you included.

25 Please give it progressive steps forward.

1 Think of our dream that will help us employ many. You  
2 can't stay the way you are. You must help yourself  
3 and others. Thank you.

4 SPEAKER 3166: My name is Eric Strid. I live  
5 in White Salmon, Washington. I'm a retired engineer  
6 and CEO. I have enough money and time that I could go  
7 travel and be frivolous, but instead I'm here to fix  
8 the mess we're leaving our children.

9 The IETC just released their latest report.  
10 No surprises. We're now 95 percent certain that we're  
11 changing the climate. We are forcing that change  
12 harder than ever. Irreversible changes will be  
13 occurring. And we better aggressively change  
14 emissions if we don't want hell on earth.

15 Most countries, the World Bank, 97 percent of  
16 private investors, the Defense Department, and the  
17 State Department all agree that we're on an emissions  
18 train that will turn farmlands into deserts, raise sea  
19 levels, kill many species of fish, and create many  
20 millions of climate refugees just within 20 years.  
21 Only nuclear war could cause more damage to the planet  
22 than the path we're on.

23 Most humans aren't wired to respond to  
24 gradually increasing threats, but we are wired to take  
25 care of our children, to protect and ensure their well

1 being. For the sake of our children, we must address  
2 the huge climate change contribution of this project.

3 It's almost two percent of U.S. carbon  
4 emissions. The OME estimates that the total cost of  
5 carbon emissions to be \$35 per ton. That's what we  
6 and our children will pay to clean up our carbon mess.  
7 So that cost us as a subsidy about \$100 a ton which is  
8 more than market value today's coal. And that doesn't  
9 count the cost of healthcare problems, or land use  
10 degradation, or railroad infrastructure upgrade, or  
11 productivity loss, or decreased property values, or  
12 supervised cleanup after Asia tapered their coal  
13 appetite, which is already happening.

14 The obvious economic conclusion is I think  
15 that coal is best left in the ground. A proper  
16 scoping for the EIS is climate change findings and  
17 carbon costs, to reopen past EISs for Wyoming coal  
18 options. Thank you.

19 SPEAKER 3244: My name is Brenda Alford. I'm  
20 a farmer. And as a Washington farmer I understand  
21 that large private investments will help grow export  
22 opportunities for small exporters like myself and the  
23 proposed bulk commodity exports expansion will provide  
24 increased export opportunities for other bulk  
25 commodity industries like agriculture and timber.

1           By proposing a global environmental review,  
2 the state is not only creating a regulatory burden for  
3 this private investment, but a burden for the other  
4 industries as well. For this reason the state must  
5 commit to an individualized review for the proposed  
6 facility. What worries me most is that this expansive  
7 review does not seem to be based in fact or reason.  
8 Topics like coal dust are thrown around with little  
9 factual basis for the accusations. In fact,  
10 Washington has spent the last 100 years safely  
11 transporting the commodities successfully through our  
12 state.

13           It's time we refocused the size and scope of  
14 the review based on facts, not hearsay. Washington's  
15 unprecedented overreaching review of export  
16 investments will amount to regulatory paralysis for  
17 our economy. This decision is detrimental to future  
18 trade growth and sends a devastating message to those  
19 looking to invest and bring jobs here. Thank you.

20           SPEAKER 3196: Good evening. I'm Joe Dunlap.  
21 I am Millennium. While I support the EIS process  
22 concerning the development of projects, I would like  
23 to encourage our agencies to focus only on the impact  
24 to the immediate area affected and be expeditious in  
25 the proceedings.

1           We have heard many concerns about dust  
2 blowing off trains, stockpiles and from ship loading  
3 processes. These are valid concerns and have been  
4 successfully addressed in numerous locations. There  
5 are existing technologies and methodologies being  
6 applied within our American borders as well as abroad  
7 that effectively control these dust concerns. And I  
8 encourage you to study these successes.

9           When one observe a coal unit train, as you've  
10 heard from some of our constituents, you will notice  
11 that the top of the coal within the car has been  
12 profiled. I've heard it remarked that this shape  
13 resembles a large loaf of bread. This profile has  
14 been developed for several reasons, not the least of  
15 which is to reduce the drag coefficient with the  
16 result being less power required to move the train  
17 along.

18           With this reduction in power requirement  
19 comes reduction of fuel required. Again, with the  
20 reduction of drag coefficient comes the benefit of  
21 less wind turbulence within a car, thus the reduction  
22 of the potential to blow product from the moving  
23 train.

24           Another technology currently being utilized  
25 is the use of sealing agents applied to the top of the

1 coal that bind the surface to prevent dust from being  
2 blown off. One can observe that same profile complete  
3 with the intact sealing agent at the final destination  
4 as was established at the loading site. These sealing  
5 agents do not lose their effectiveness in dry or wet  
6 weather. Millennium has committed that trains coming  
7 to their site will have the sealing agent applied.

8 Another technology being utilized in  
9 stockpile management is the use of a stockpile spray  
10 system to wet down the stockpile; a weather station  
11 utilizing historical and current data will initiate  
12 the stockpile sprays. More recent engineering  
13 programs -- I will submit this to your record. Thank  
14 you.

15 SPEAKER 3133: Hello, I'm Rod Osgood. I live  
16 in Morrow County, Oregon. I also work for the  
17 operating engineers out of Local 701. I want you to  
18 know I really do appreciate our environment. And I  
19 love hiking. I love fishing, mountain climbing. I  
20 think our environment is important, but I think it's  
21 also important that we weigh the benefits and we also  
22 weigh the cost.

23 And in this case we're looking at something  
24 that is going to create jobs for a lot of people. Now  
25 I heard a lot of argument here today about how, you

1 know, the coal would be blowing around. I live about  
2 three miles from railroad track that carries the coal  
3 to the coal fire plant down there at Boardman, Oregon.  
4 And I raised my family there. I cross that track  
5 pretty much on a daily basis. And I've never seen any  
6 coal blown off a railroad car, and I've seen a lot of  
7 them go by.

8 You know, it doesn't matter what we're doing  
9 with energy, somebody's going to complain. I mean, if  
10 it has to do with coal, if it has to do with gas, if  
11 it has to do with wind. You know, if it has to do  
12 with energy, there's going to be somebody that will an  
13 oppose it.

14 One thing I've noticed that everybody has in  
15 common, everybody who opposes it hasn't commented that  
16 they all use it. And that's important to remember.  
17 We're going to use it. And so are the folks in China  
18 and wherever we're going to be sending this to. I  
19 think it's important that we get the benefits of  
20 sending that coal. And that's all I have.

21 SPEAKER 3249: My name is Joanne Glasgow.  
22 I'm a resident of Benton County. I was born and  
23 raised in Cowlitz County. I only found out about this  
24 meeting yesterday, so I don't have a lot of numbers  
25 and statistics. But what I'd like to share is what I

1 believe and what I feel from and what I've seen in  
2 Cowlitz County in my lifetime.

3 When I grew up, it was mill town. I had a  
4 grandfather that worked at Reynolds Aluminum. I had  
5 an uncle that died in an industrial accident at  
6 Reynolds Aluminum. I had -- my husband actually  
7 worked at the first company that tried to clean up  
8 Reynolds Aluminum site which didn't do nearly the job  
9 that Millennium has done.

10 I'd like to thank Millennium for the job that  
11 they have done. And I'd also like to thank you  
12 Millennium for bringing in the jobs that they are  
13 bringing in at family wages, not minimum wage. My  
14 husband's a veteran of 22 years. And when we returned  
15 to Longview, he was competing for \$10 and \$12-an-hour  
16 jobs. We need to have jobs in Washington state.

17 I'm a person of faith. I'm a mother. I have  
18 three children. Some day I hope to have  
19 grandchildren. If we don't have jobs and we don't  
20 have a healthy economy, our country is no longer going  
21 to belong to us. And those people that want to have  
22 something to complain about will no longer have the  
23 right to complain about it. We need to keep our  
24 country and our state. And jobs is the way to do it.  
25 Thank you.

1           SPEAKER 3175: My name is Walt Meglasson. I  
2 live in Benton County. Over the past 16 years I've  
3 noticed that global warming has decreased and almost  
4 been eliminated from man made sources. And so, I keep  
5 wondering why they keep calling it global warming.  
6 Now they call it climate change. Maybe they don't  
7 know which direction to go.

8           As a demolition contractor I have been  
9 involved in the demolition of hundreds of major  
10 industrial plants all over the U.S. Before we push  
11 the button, before we climb on the excavator, tear  
12 down a wall, shift a beam, whatever, we all kind of  
13 wonder just how many jobs are we destroying today.

14          And I found out that most of these plants  
15 have been shut down for various reasons: Some due to  
16 lack of energy, cost of energy, other problems  
17 connected with labor, other problems connected with  
18 the basic industry that they are involved in.

19          But nevertheless, the plants that do shut  
20 down should never be shut down because of so-called  
21 issues concerning the environment which may not be  
22 factually true. And it depresses me to see that  
23 there's so much hostile reaction to a good operation  
24 like this because of the fact that we need these  
25 productive jobs if we are going to maintain the status

1 of a good democratic America.

2 Coal built this nation during the industrial  
3 revolution, and we need to keep this going. But no  
4 matter what happens, there's always somebody that's  
5 going to stand there and tell you that you can't do  
6 it. But we need to rise above that, be strong. We  
7 have the technology to do it. We just need to do it  
8 and get this country back on track again. Thank you.

9 SPEAKER 3259: Good evening. My name is  
10 Jessica Salvador. I'm a proud resident of Walla Walla  
11 County. Thank you for listening. If you're willing  
12 to hear the proposals from big coal corporations then  
13 you have the responsibility to extend the scope of the  
14 environmental and economic impact for the whole  
15 process, from stripping to shipping.

16 Considering solely our familiar communities,  
17 it's still evident that we see no profit. We lose  
18 jobs along the rails and on the coast because of the  
19 environmental impact and traffic and coal dust. We  
20 are inconvenienced, especially in Spokane, where we  
21 can see 44 more trains daily impacting traffic.

22 Even Goldman Sachs supports that the window  
23 for coal export profitability is closing. We  
24 Washington citizens will be taxed hundreds of millions  
25 of dollars for coal route transportation

1 accommodations all in the face of 80 million tons of  
2 coal yearly and more and longer trains to ship it.

3 And, what, of the cost of co-opting American  
4 Indian sacred land at Cherry Point to export a dirty,  
5 deadly product to some of our most economic partners  
6 in China and India. When we are not only considering  
7 ourselves in our environment, are we afraid to admit  
8 to our own interconnectedness? When we acknowledge  
9 the influence we have on the lives of others, we  
10 become accountable. So knowing that the emissions  
11 from burning coal are dirty, negatively impacting our  
12 environmental health and contributing to global  
13 warming, how can we in good conscience allow people to  
14 profit by selling this coal in China and India.  
15 Please expand your scoping report.

16 SPEAKER 3142: I want to thank the  
17 distinguished representatives of the U.S. Army Corps  
18 of Engineers, Washington Department of Ecology, and  
19 Cowlitz County for being here. My name is Caroline  
20 Bowdish. I have been a school teacher, a mother, and  
21 active citizen in Pasco for 39 years. I live in the  
22 house my father built which is located only a few  
23 blocks from the railroad tracks.

24 One of the many concerns and fears that I  
25 have of greatly increased train traffic is the coal

1 dust that will blow off hundreds of railcars. BNSF's  
2 own study, each railcar loses at least 500 pounds of  
3 coal dust in transit. I know there is a crusting  
4 agent that's applied to the surface of the coal, but  
5 according to Terry Garvey, who formerly was in charge  
6 of transportation for a large Canadian coal exporter,  
7 the crusting agent tends to break down en route.

8           Quote, All it takes is a malfunction of a  
9 single nozzle in the spray apparatus at the mine to  
10 create a duster, that is, a train shrouded by a cloud  
11 of airborne dust and chunks of coal that can settle  
12 for a kilometer on each side of tracks. This problem  
13 is exacerbated when the weather is dry and windy.

14           We have many such days here. When the dust  
15 blows, it invades buildings including homes, schools,  
16 and hospitals, and closed and locked cars. The dust  
17 even gets in your teeth. If that dust is desert soil,  
18 it later washes harmlessly in the ground. If that  
19 dust is coal, black grit, it coats everything in the  
20 area.

21           Coal with its heavy metal toxins do not  
22 benignly become part of the soil. I would like you to  
23 study the probable effects of so much coal dust in our  
24 soil and groundwater. How long will it have to build  
25 up before my neighbors and I cannot grow our gardens?

1 What will it do to our property values? Will our  
2 homes be unattractive to buyers? If property values  
3 decline, how seriously will the county's and school  
4 district's tax bases be affected?

5 The Northwest is a wonderful place to live.  
6 If these --

7 SPEAKER 3247: My name is Stacy Keith. I  
8 live in Longview, Washington. My husband and I have  
9 two kids that we are raising in Longview only eight  
10 miles from the Millennium Terminals. Cowlitz County  
11 is in need of good paying jobs so that families like  
12 ours can continue to live in our communities.

13 Without good jobs, this area is going to die.  
14 Families will move away, school enrollment is going to  
15 fall even more than it already has. My family also  
16 has property right on the Columbia River not even one  
17 mile from the proposed terminal. We currently see  
18 multiple ships pass every day and we are not harmed by  
19 them.

20 My husband is also a current employee of  
21 Millennium. And I would never support something that  
22 would put his health or my family's health in  
23 jeopardy. The other day we were stopped at a railroad  
24 crossing and passing in front of us was a coal train.  
25 My husband said to my son, Look at the coal dust

1 coming off that train.

2 And my son said, What dust, dad? I don't see  
3 any dust.

4 And my husband said, I know, son, exactly my  
5 point. In order to keep our community above water, we  
6 need a speedy and fair study of the proposed terminal.  
7 Thank you.

8 SPEAKER 3112: My name is Mary Lyons. And I  
9 live down river in Longview too. Beginning the  
10 relationship with lies is not a good place to start.  
11 And Millennium's initial filing for this terminal was  
12 a lie. They said the terminal was being planned for  
13 ten million tons of coal. But because of the efforts  
14 of concerned citizens uncovered E-mails showing that  
15 80 million, not ten was the amount they truly had in  
16 mind. And sometimes lies don't just lead to breakups.  
17 They lead to litigation. And the EIS should therefore  
18 include the cost of probable future litigation based  
19 upon past behavior.

20 I would like the scope of this study to  
21 include an assessment of the funds available to the  
22 government agencies present here when crisis  
23 mitigation is needed in addressing infrastructure  
24 repair and do improvements as well as the air, water,  
25 and soil pollution this terminal and its trains will

1 cost.

2 In Wyoming and Montana, people chose to  
3 gamble on a deadly, dirty fuel which is fast becoming  
4 unusable. I feel bad for Wyoming and Montana. It's  
5 hard to face the reality of losing a really big bet.  
6 But Washington is not Wyoming, Oregon is not Montana,  
7 and we didn't make that bet. We can do better than  
8 coal here in Washington.

9 Just imagine 44 million tons of mercury laden  
10 coal, Australian backed, blowing dust traveling year  
11 after year past our farms, our fishing grounds, our  
12 vineyards, our school yards, and all those industries  
13 well-represented by intelligent, energetic, robust,  
14 and very inventive attorneys at law. I want the EIS  
15 to include an assessment of the current fiscal health  
16 and reliability of the county, state, and federal  
17 agencies represented here and the crippling effect  
18 that the resources will have on their ability to  
19 mitigate. Thank you.

20 SPEAKER 3082: Good evening. My name is Gary  
21 Middleton. I'm a long-term farmer here in the  
22 Franklin County area. I strongly oppose the global  
23 review the state had proposed for similar export  
24 products. And I urge you to conduct an individual EIS  
25 review of the proposed export expansion in Longview.

1           This bulk commodity facility will expand  
2 exports for agriculture, timber, and coal while  
3 providing our state an economic boost, which we all  
4 know it desperately needs. I'm a proud member of the  
5 state's agriculture community and as such I understand  
6 our dependence on the trade and export industry, which  
7 is why I strongly oppose this global review.

8           I truly believe that the state's  
9 unprecedented overreaching review of similar export  
10 investments will result in the unnecessary burden for  
11 our economy. This decision is detrimental to the  
12 future growth of trade and sends a devastating message  
13 to those looking to invest and bring jobs here.

14           This review needs to be based on facts. An  
15 overreaching review would be detrimental to future  
16 trade growth and sends a devastating message to those  
17 looking to invest and bring jobs here. For those  
18 reasons I urge to you to conduct an individualized  
19 review specific to this project. Thank you.

20           SPEAKER 3079: Good evening. My name is Jim  
21 Follausbee. I've lived in Franklin County since 1972.  
22 I wanted to point out just a few items about rail  
23 traffic. I cross the railroad tracks to and from town  
24 anywhere from two to six times a day and occasionally  
25 get stopped by even a coal train.

1           But when you look at the actual amount of  
2 time that it takes to wait for one of these trains,  
3 you got a mile-and-a-half of train going about 40  
4 miles an hour, it works out to about two minutes, 15  
5 seconds for the train to pass and then you have a few  
6 more seconds for the arm guards to go up and down.

7           And it really turns out to be an  
8 insignificant amount of time. I've seen numbers that  
9 it's 14 to 16 extra trains a day for these coal  
10 trains. That's one train between one and two hours,  
11 so we're talking about three minutes every couple of  
12 hours. I really don't think that that's a significant  
13 impact on my travel or anybody else.

14           I've seen these coal trains going by. I  
15 don't see any dust coming off of those. If you  
16 somehow don't like these trains, you could probably  
17 take on these long trains which are all fueled, diesel  
18 fuel and that sort, and they are just fine actors too.  
19 So I don't think we ought to do anything to cut down  
20 the rail traffic. Thank you.

21           SPEAKER 3099: Hello, my name is Brynn  
22 Dahlquist and I'm from Klickitat County. I grew up in  
23 the middle of the Spotted Owl controversy in a mill  
24 town that produced paper. My family are loggers and  
25 mill workers, and so I understand where you are coming

1 from.

2           However, Douglas County, which referred to  
3 itself as the timber capital of the world, was  
4 convinced that this was going to crush them. Their  
5 economy has grown 25 percent since the Spotted Owl and  
6 the timber has gone down. They have grown 25 percent  
7 past where it was at that time period, that includes  
8 inflation, because they brought in technology.

9           Technology propelled them significantly past  
10 where they were during the timber times. So I  
11 understand the fear that is occurring. I understand  
12 the need for the jobs. But they are not the only jobs  
13 which exist. They are merely the jobs which exist  
14 right now. That does not mean that they will be the  
15 jobs of the future. To contend that this is going to  
16 kill the entire economy of this town is not  
17 necessarily accurate. And I urge you guys in your  
18 scoping to consider the fact that many other places  
19 have shifted from commodities use.

20           Secondly, I have lived on the tracks my  
21 entire life. I see the coal trains come by and have  
22 since I was a very young child. And I don't believe  
23 that in any way that you are lying about a lack of  
24 coal dust because when I was growing up in Camas, I  
25 didn't see any either.

1           We're inland. There isn't wind. I live now  
2 in White Salmon, Washington at the mouth of the White  
3 Salmon River. And I can guarantee you that there's a  
4 lot of coal dust. It stacks up on the sides of the  
5 tracks because of the wind. The adiabatic winds,  
6 which purge through the Gorge are very erratic. And  
7 people come to study them from all over the world.

8           Just because there isn't dust here, doesn't  
9 mean there isn't coal dust in many other places all  
10 along the Gorge. And as such this scoping needs to  
11 include the entire route of the coal because one or  
12 two place are not entirely representative of the track  
13 route of where it will be going through. Thank you.

14           SPEAKER 3188: My name is Barbara Paulson  
15 from Benton County. I support the Millennium Terminal  
16 because I'm looking at the Washington state economy.  
17 And not the terminal itself, but also the trade, the  
18 40 percent trade that gets supported by it. But  
19 that's not it alone. If I knew that coal was dirty to  
20 the environment, I would be against it. But I'm not  
21 because coal is clean now.

22           Forty, 50 years ago, perhaps it was, I think  
23 they used to have it spewing from the mines and they  
24 used to pour it into the bins, and you had coal all  
25 over place. Well, due to regulation it's been cleaned

1 up. And now we call it "clean coal." And that  
2 started in Western Virginia, I believe, and places out  
3 there.

4 And now, in fact, it just has come to my  
5 attention that there's a study that shows that  
6 existing natural dirt is more toxic than western coal.  
7 So I think western coal is cleaner than eastern  
8 state's coal. I think people shouldn't live in fear  
9 and get with the times and see that the regulations  
10 have worked. Thank you.

11 ELECTED OFFICIAL SPEAKER: Good evening. My  
12 name is Kristina Proszek. I'm the environmental  
13 review coordinator for Yakima Nation. And I've been  
14 asked to serve as the official delegate tonight for  
15 the Yakima Nation.

16 First, because of the direct and indirect  
17 impacts the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals will  
18 have on the Yakima people and their treaty rights and  
19 resources the Yakima Nation asks the permitting  
20 agencies deny Millennium's applications to construct  
21 and operate the bulk terminals for coal export in  
22 Longview.

23 The Millennium Bulk Terminals would  
24 permanently violate the Yakima Nation's rights to  
25 fish, hunt, and gather traditional foods. It would

1 also potentially result in irreparable harm to the  
2 Yakima Nation's cultural resources.

3 To be clear, Yakima Nation will not negotiate  
4 nor agree to so-called mitigation for any violations  
5 of its treaty-reserved rights. With that said, if the  
6 permitting agency decides to move forward with the  
7 environmental review process, the Yakima Nation  
8 reiterates this request for a comprehensive  
9 regionalized environmental analysis.

10 We do commend the Department of Ecology on  
11 its decision to conduct a broad analysis of the  
12 impacts with the Cherry Point proposal including  
13 evaluation of the transportation-related impacts to  
14 the state and contributions to the climate change, et  
15 cetera;

16 We urge the committee to exercise the same  
17 leadership and authority to the extent Millennium's  
18 permits are not denied outright. The Yakima Nation  
19 requests and expects it analyze all impacts from the  
20 coal origin in the Powder River Basin to our homeland  
21 to burning of coal in Asia, the Millennium project and  
22 all that is proposed.

23 The Yakima Nation expects current  
24 contamination on site at the port of Longview will be  
25 resolved in their entirety before any further

1 environmental review is undertaken so that a complete  
2 and accurate assessment can occur. Yakima Nation  
3 reserves the right to supplement, amend, or revise any  
4 comments submitted throughout this scoping process.  
5 Thank you for your time and consideration.

6 SPEAKER 3060: My name is Peter Farnam. I  
7 was born in Eastern Oregon and spent most of my life  
8 there. And my children and grandchildren live there  
9 now. I'm submitting this testimony solely because I  
10 think it's important to do so. It is my duty as a  
11 father, grandfather, and citizen.

12 I'm here to talk about the proposed export  
13 terminal to be built in Longview. The coal to be  
14 train shipped through this terminal will have been  
15 mined on public land hundreds of miles east. And of  
16 course, the terminal would by no means be the ultimate  
17 destination of that coal.

18 There will be impacts to the land, water,  
19 air, and life at every stage along the journey the  
20 coal is expected to make. Because the terminal is  
21 integral to this chain, and this hearing is an  
22 opportunity to address the problems, I will comment on  
23 some of the inherent consequences of the siting of  
24 this facility.

25 The process of extracting this coal is

1 extremely destructive to the land there. Hauling  
2 incredible quantities of coal proposed through the  
3 region on rails that are already being used to  
4 capacity will have negative impact on the health and  
5 the economies of the communities of the region.

6 The additional rail traffic will have an  
7 adverse effect on farmers and other business people  
8 who depend on access to the rail system to move their  
9 products. Likewise any barges used for moving the  
10 coal will be barges not used for shipping wheat to  
11 market.

12 The coal dust blows off the rail cars will  
13 pollute the groundwater and the air along the route,  
14 much of which follows water courses. Many of the  
15 health risks for humans associated with coal dust are  
16 well documented.

17 I believe there is a need to study the  
18 effects of introducing this toxic substance into the  
19 ecosystems where it hasn't been seen in any  
20 appreciable quantity. What, for example, might be  
21 affected if coal dust on vulnerable aquatic species  
22 like steelhead and salmon.

23 The negative effects of burning fossil fuels  
24 and -- thank you.

25 SPEAKER 3214: Hi, thanks for the opportunity

1 to speak my piece. My name is Margaret Mead. I'm a  
2 representative of Union County, Oregon. For months  
3 and years we have been hearing of the negative impacts  
4 that transport of coal would have in Washington and  
5 Oregon.

6 Due to time restraints, I will not repeat  
7 them, but address what I believe the crux of the issue  
8 is. Coal is a dirty form of energy that contributes  
9 greatly to climate change. Even if the United States  
10 is closing down coal plants and placing restrictions  
11 on others, we should not do as Pontius Pilate did and  
12 wash our hands of the immorality of selling coal to  
13 Asia and the global pollution it creates.

14 Yes, it's not in my backyard, but it is. The  
15 earth -- this, um, earth is the only one we have. We  
16 must do all we can to protect it. If we persist in  
17 activities that harm the earth, not much else matters.  
18 Having been born before we were involved in World War  
19 II, I won't be around to experience the full impact of  
20 climate change.

21 I grew up in the days when we were led to  
22 believe that the United States could do no wrong. As  
23 I've matured, I've learned differently. We can do  
24 better than this. If we hurt only ourselves, the  
25 people, that would be one thing. But damaging the

1 earth and all that's in it is truly immoral.

2 Let's not add another load of guilt to our  
3 country just for monetary rewards for a few. Say no  
4 to exporting coal and prevent the ultimate devastation  
5 that would ensue. Thank you.

6 SPEAKER 3187: I'm Alice Dunlap and I come  
7 here from Columbia County in Oregon. I have been a  
8 school nurse for many years and have worked with  
9 children primarily. And I have helped make decisions  
10 in good benefits on children.

11 And that's one of the reasons that I'm here  
12 in advocating for coal. There are many things that we  
13 have to look at in the economy. When children are  
14 living in environments where there's not enough money  
15 to provide for them, then we see an increase in abuse.

16 We see fearful kids. We see kids that cannot  
17 learn because it's not safe for them. This is a chute  
18 off of what could happen if we continue to stop  
19 industry here in Washington. Already I know that  
20 there are large areas -- Lewis County is a large area  
21 that is depressed.

22 People are afraid to buy new homes. They are  
23 afraid to invest in their opportunities because they  
24 don't know whether they'll still be working next week  
25 or next year. One of the things that I also want to

1 let you know is that my husband has been involved in  
2 the mining industry for over 43 years. He's not had  
3 any health issues. And he stood right next to the  
4 coal trains dumping, and there's been no problem with  
5 coal dust or any other issues. And I appreciate that.

6 I also want you to know that even though  
7 these men and women at Millennium wear uniforms that  
8 make them look like they're blue-shirted workers,  
9 they're some of the most smartest and intelligent  
10 people I know.

11 They are engineers, scientists, and  
12 environmental experts, and they are involved in  
13 cleaning up and making sure that the coal be handled  
14 correctly and safely for all of our health. Thank  
15 you.

16 SPEAKER 3059: Hello, my name is Thomas  
17 Madrigol. I was born in Walla Walla, and I graduated  
18 from Pasco High School. I'm finishing my Ph.D. at UC  
19 Santa Barbara. I am also a farm worker. I grew up in  
20 this area, worked for the apple orchards as a child.

21 And from that experience and from my graduate  
22 studies, I found that industrial agriculture and other  
23 types of resource objectives are not sustainable. The  
24 economy is not sustainable. There's another  
25 transportation development project that has proven to

1 be unsustainable in this region. And that's the  
2 rivers lock and dam system.

3 Not only has it been unsustainable for  
4 agriculture as water sheds have been running dry,  
5 salmon are mostly grown in hatcheries now at great  
6 costs. And crops will change from wheat, which used  
7 to be transported down on barges, to vegetables, which  
8 require different types of transportation.

9 So we outgrew those development projects.  
10 White folks are no longer the majority here. I  
11 represent the new generation of this region and the  
12 new stewards. Um, who do you think is going to work  
13 these dirty jobs that people are fighting for. It  
14 won't be you. It won't be your children who are put  
15 at risk once again, which is agriculture pesticides.

16 Their vision was shortsighted and this is why  
17 we need a global environmental study that addresses  
18 all of the workers' concerns that will be working  
19 these jobs and their families and their generations.  
20 Enough is enough.

21 Handford is already the most contaminated  
22 site on the western hemisphere. We have a chemical  
23 depot just south of us and the rivers run with  
24 pesticide runoff. We don't need to add coal to that  
25 mix. Thank you.

1           SPEAKER 3078: Hello, my name is Natalie  
2 Jamerson. I'm a resident of King County. I'd like to  
3 address some of the points that were brought up by our  
4 neighbors in the blue shirts today. One previous  
5 testifier said, Show me the coal pollution.

6           And I think that's the goal of today is to  
7 make sure that everyone knows the extent of the damage  
8 of this project, knows if there is coal pollution  
9 where it exists and how it's manifested. I believe  
10 that there should be a very broad scope to this  
11 environmental impact statement to address the concerns  
12 of our neighbors in the blue shirts.

13           Another testified there is little factual  
14 basis. Unfortunately that's why we're here today.  
15 We're to provide the facts. I'm a scientist. I  
16 appreciate the work that all of the three agencies are  
17 doing and trust that those facts will be accurately  
18 provided, as we are investing our public funding into  
19 your work.

20           I also noticed there was a correlation,  
21 highest unemployment we have here, but also the  
22 highest trade. Let's examine that relationship. Is  
23 it the trade that's causing the unemployment? Why do  
24 those two go together?

25           Coal is not potatoes. It's not wheat. It's

1 not wine. It's not something that's enjoyed on the  
2 other side of the world. There's a bit more to coal  
3 than to potatoes. And that's why I think that we  
4 should examine the full impacts of that.

5           Again, I respect the integrity of the three  
6 departments that are providing our scientific  
7 foundation for this work. And I encourage you to not  
8 be afraid of coming up with the what may be the wrong  
9 response. In order to answer everyone's questions  
10 here today, we need to do a research. I thank you.

11           SPEAKER 3227: Hello, my name is Bob Stewart.  
12 I'm from Clark County. Thank you for coming here  
13 today. A few things I would like to point out is that  
14 I've worked on the river front for the last 25 years.  
15 I've noticed a sharp decline in vessel traffic on the  
16 Columbia River.

17           I'm also the general manager for Millennium  
18 Bulk Terminals. What all these folks have talked  
19 about as far as environmental, we strive very much to  
20 make sure that there are no environmental citation  
21 instances on our site. We are cleaning up the old  
22 Reynold's site. It's gone very well.

23           We have a safety record that we're very proud  
24 of and things are going very well. We are not going  
25 to build a terminal with hope-for technology. It will

1 all be proven technology that's world wide, world  
2 class terminal. And we don't believe there's any need  
3 at all for an extensive EIS, and we just encourage you  
4 to do a very localized study on that. Thank you.

5 SPEAKER 3058: Thank you panel for listening  
6 to our very important comments spoken from our hearts.  
7 Thank you everyone else for being here also. I would  
8 like to say two main comments. Number one, about the  
9 coal dust issue. Is it coming from -- is it blowing  
10 off the trains?

11 And I would identify I'm from Hood River.  
12 And there are three locations in the Columbia River  
13 Gorge. We have documented extensive coal dust coming  
14 off the trains going through the Gorge. And it's at  
15 Horsethief Lake, Drano Lake, and the mouth of the  
16 Little White Salmon River. And I want to emphasize  
17 the Little White Salmon River is tribal fishing. And  
18 there is documented coal going off the train tracks  
19 down into that water where their tribal fishing rights  
20 exist.

21 The other point I want to make is about  
22 asthma in our area. I am bilingual. I have lived in  
23 Mexico. And I speak for the migrant workers of our  
24 orchards where they already have high asthma counts.

25 I grew up where there was coal in our house.

1 And two of my siblings, whose job it was to clean the  
2 coal furnaces in our house had childhood asthma which  
3 continued into adulthood asthma. So speaking for our  
4 migrant workers in our orchards where they run on a  
5 higher particle count, I beg everyone here please,  
6 please research.

7 Please, I beg you, for the sake of our  
8 poorest people, please don't let their health get  
9 worse -- don't let all of our health and our  
10 children's and our grandchildren's. Thank you very  
11 much.

12 SPEAKER 3092: Hello, my name is Jeff  
13 Childers. I live in Cowlitz County. I'm an employee  
14 of Millennium Bulk Terminals. I've lived in Cowlitz  
15 County for 42 years. I live next to the railroad  
16 tracks in Kelso. I have yet to see any coal dust on  
17 my house or the streets. I would like to see a local  
18 impact study done. I think that Wyoming can worry  
19 about their own impact study there and let us focus on  
20 ours. It's a wonderful place to work, great  
21 family-oriented company. And I look forward to  
22 working for them for many more years. Thank you.

23 SPEAKER 3206: Hello, my name is Laura  
24 Rihimaki, and I live in Benton County. I'm an  
25 atmospheric scientist. And one of my concerns is

1 about climate change. And burning coal has three  
2 effects that I would like to see included in the  
3 study.

4 One is increased carbon dioxide.  
5 Concentrations in the atmosphere which has a very  
6 long-term impact. And I also would like to see  
7 investigation of the increased atmospheric absorption  
8 from the black carbon when you burn the coal. That's  
9 a shorter-term impact, but has a substantial warming  
10 impact on the climate.

11 And the third, the black carbon or the soot  
12 when you burn the coal, when it lands on snow surfaces  
13 increases the melt of the snow and decreases the  
14 albedo of the snow. And those impacts can have a very  
15 quick warming effect on the climate.

16 And I'm concerned about this because in our  
17 local region we depend on water from the rivers and  
18 snow melt for our energy, for our agriculture, and for  
19 many parts of our economy. And we have already seen  
20 reduced stream flow rates in the late summer and more  
21 rain and snow events earlier in the season, which is  
22 going to have an increased impact on wild fires and on  
23 our hydro power and also on our fishing and what I  
24 care very much about, our agriculture. Thank you.

25 SPEAKER 3154: Hi, my name is Eric Glasgow

1 from Benton County. The main thing I'm worried about  
2 with the broader view of -- what you're currently  
3 doing is the hold-off on the new jobs. As a recent  
4 high school graduate it is a major concern to me  
5 whether it's local or not because I know I'm not the  
6 only student out there looking for a job, especially  
7 since it's not a "minimum wage stuck in a rut"  
8 McDonalds job.

9 One of the major arguments against this --  
10 turning it into a narrow view is the coal dust and the  
11 compiling effect it's going to have. Instead of  
12 studying the compiling effects, we could start looking  
13 forward and looking for ways to clean up this stuff,  
14 ways for -- to contain it instead of worrying about it  
15 compiling everywhere and causing major effects. And  
16 regardless of whether or not this coal is spread here  
17 or up in Canada, it is going to be burnt. So we might  
18 as well ship it out of Washington and let the money be  
19 earned here instead of foreign countries regardless of  
20 how friendly they are. Thank you very much.

21 SPEAKER 3203: Hi there, I'm Bill Shibley,  
22 Regional Vice President for Northwest Farm Credit  
23 Services, past president of the Pasco Chamber of  
24 Commerce, past president of the Tri-Cities Regional  
25 Chamber of Commerce and very interested in economic

1 development in the Northwest and as a lifelong  
2 resident of the Northwest.

3 I did graduate from Oregon State with a  
4 degree in agricultural and resource economics. And  
5 everything about this makes sense from that  
6 standpoint. Washington has long been considered a  
7 trade and export leader. But growing international  
8 and domestic competition has caused the export  
9 industry to reach a critical and economic crossroad.

10 In order for the industry to remain a global  
11 player, we must expand and diversify our export  
12 opportunities through large private investments like  
13 the proposed export expansion here in Longview.

14 As a farm banker I understand that this bulk  
15 commodity expansion will create a new export  
16 opportunity for other industries allowing more  
17 Washington products to reach a growing international  
18 demand by setting the expectation in commodity export  
19 expansion like agriculture, airplanes, or timber could  
20 be subject to these global reviews our state may ward  
21 off future investors. This is why I urge you,  
22 Department of Ecology, to conduct an individualized  
23 review of the proposed export expansion near Longview.  
24 This project has been held off for over a  
25 year-and-a-half awaiting study.

1           SPEAKER 3098: My name is Ramona Rommereim,  
2 Franklin County. As a Washington farmer I support the  
3 Millennium Terminals. These types of investments will  
4 expand and diversify our export opportunities by  
5 inviting industries, like agriculture, an opportunity  
6 to reach new international markets. Exports and trade  
7 are critical to our economy and future growth and  
8 jobs.

9           To stay competitive, we must continue to  
10 expand our capacity for trade. Large private  
11 investments like this terminal will make the region a  
12 more competitive trade hub, securing the investments  
13 needed to grow our trade industry in the future.

14           The Department of Ecology recently announced  
15 a global review of a similar export expansion. I  
16 think it's a big mistake. A review of this magnitude  
17 will place regulatory uncertainty to future exports  
18 while burdening existing industries like the  
19 agriculture industry.

20           Moreover it appears that this review is based  
21 on misleading anecdotes like the coal dust as opposed  
22 to the facts. The truth is we've been transporting  
23 coal through this region for over 100 years. The  
24 evidence for the claims against coal dust simply are  
25 not there.

1           For these reasons I urge you to conduct an  
2 individualized review of the proposed facility near  
3 Longview and help authorize this project in a timely  
4 manner. Thank you.

5           SPEAKER 3149: My name is Randy Gardner.  
6 This project has been on hold for over a  
7 year-and-a-half awaiting study. My question is why.  
8 I live in Cowlitz County and have seen a good bit of  
9 decline in good family-wage jobs which also effects  
10 small businesses throughout our community. So let's  
11 get this project moving before it decides to move on.  
12 Thank you.

13           SPEAKER 3258: My name is Brandon Keith. I  
14 live in Longview. I'm an employee of Millennium Bulk  
15 Terminals. I believe the permit process has taken way  
16 too long. Millennium has not asked you to skip any  
17 part of the process, but would like it to be done in a  
18 timely manner. Millennium has begun cleaning up the  
19 old Reynolds site. And that cleanup has gone very  
20 well. Those people who say we can do better, I would  
21 like an application because I want to work for them.  
22 In the last 12 years nobody has done better. Those  
23 who say no to coal, I would be completely with, know  
24 coal. Know the facts about coal, know the health  
25 effects about coal. Don't protest against coal just

1 because it's black. Thank you.

2 SPEAKER 3253: My name is Lori Black. I live  
3 in Cowlitz County and I also work for Millennium Bulk  
4 Terminals. Millennium cares about everyone's  
5 concerns. That's why we are here and listening to the  
6 concerns of the people. They worked really hard to  
7 clean the site up. And we as employees still continue  
8 to.

9 I have two children and I don't want to  
10 expose them to any environmental issues. My family,  
11 my former family worked at the -- I'm sorry, my family  
12 worked at the former Reynolds site. And we would like  
13 to see our, you know, family continue to keep working  
14 there and keep it open.

15 It has been way too long, and I feel they  
16 should be given a fair chance. Thank you.

17 SPEAKER 3042: My name is Betty Boston, and I  
18 live in Franklin County. And I would like to speak in  
19 defense of coal. I grew up -- I was born and raised  
20 in coal country in southern Indiana. And both of my  
21 parents were born there and lived there. They died in  
22 their 80s in a small town of about 7,000 people.

23 It was primarily there because of the coal  
24 industry. And it was soft coal, bituminous, similar  
25 to the kind I understand would be transported. They

1 had both deep mining and strip mining there. And when  
2 they strip mined they would take the -- they would  
3 build hills. And in-between the hills would be lakes  
4 where they took the coal out.

5 And we used to go swimming in those lakes  
6 and -- oh, dear, is that -- does that mean that I --  
7 is the green light -- oh, I see. Okay. Well, at any  
8 rate, the hills, the Boy Scouts would plant trees.  
9 And then, I've noticed since then that the area has  
10 changed, of course. It's built up and it's presented  
11 on the Internet as park like for camping, fishing.

12 And um, at any rate, I just wanted to tell  
13 you that I never suffered any problem at all growing  
14 up, breathing, or none of my friends did. And we took  
15 a great deal of pride in our town and thought it was a  
16 clean town. I do remember going some places like  
17 where the steel mills were where the smoke stacks  
18 would be dirty and thinking how glad I was that I  
19 didn't live in those circumstances.

20 SPEAKER 3110: My name is Danielle Ramey, and  
21 I live in Cowlitz County. I'm an employee at  
22 Millennium Bulk Terminals. And I, like everyone else,  
23 have the same concerns about dust and all those  
24 things. But working for this company I realize that  
25 we are using the best, most state-of-the-art equipment

1 to take care of everything.

2 Like our general manager, Bob, said earlier,  
3 we have safety records and environmental records and  
4 standards. And we are very proud of the record we  
5 hold. It's about 90 days no safety incident and 400  
6 no environmental. Basically since day one we've been  
7 on-site, we haven't had an environmental incident.

8 I heard people complain about piles of coal  
9 dust along the railroad. Why is it just now that  
10 they're complaining about these things and saying  
11 something about this. Why haven't there been talks  
12 about it prior to this? Is it because our project is  
13 coming? And why is it that everyone wants to keep me  
14 from keeping my job and my home and food on my table.  
15 I don't see how it's fair.

16 I think there's a way that we can move coal  
17 for any commodity for that matter in a safe and  
18 efficient manner. I'm allergic to wheat, grass, and  
19 hay. But I don't complain about the hay trucks that  
20 travel all the time. When I'm stuck behind one in the  
21 car, I just have an allergy pill and away I go. And  
22 I'm fine.

23 Obviously there are going to be growing pains  
24 any time a community wants to grow. We'll work  
25 through them. It's okay. It's part of the process.

1 I ask give my company a fair chance and treat us like  
2 we're any other import-export terminal along the river  
3 or anywhere else in the United States. Thanks.

4 SPEAKER 3148: Hello, name is Sandip  
5 Darvevnie. And I'm a mechanical engineer for work in  
6 all industry, coal, hydro, oil, and nuclear. So I am  
7 not a messenger. However, I understand the process  
8 involved. Coal powered plants have no future in this  
9 country because acid rain and other bad effects.

10 So what we do is not to have any coal plants  
11 built, only many grandfathered. But now the coal is  
12 being sent to China. The gas and CO2 that will get  
13 into the same atmosphere and do the same damage to us  
14 that we see, if it is done in this country, they are  
15 no longer isolated.

16 In my opinion, this is a disastrous plan to  
17 send coal to China. Remember Chernobyl? So because  
18 of the blow back, the costs will be horrendous and the  
19 external cost enormous. Thank you.

20 SPEAKER 3108: My name is Kalama Reuter, and  
21 I'm from Klickitat County. And I support the broadest  
22 possible scope of consideration for impacts to water  
23 and air quality throughout the whole state and beyond.  
24 I feel that jobs for one generation are not worth the  
25 damage or the effect on our future generations that

1 possibly can't be reversed.

2 And I would like to share a bit of the words  
3 of Chief Seattle speaking to the fact that we are  
4 interconnected, that every part of the earth is  
5 sacred.

6 We are part of the earth and it is part of  
7 us. We know that the white man does not understand  
8 our ways. One portion of land is the same to him as  
9 the next for he is a stranger who comes in the night  
10 and takes from the land whatever he needs.

11 The earth is not his brother but his enemy.  
12 And when he has conquered it, he moves on. He kidnaps  
13 the earth from his children, he does not care. He  
14 treats his mother the earth, his brother the sky as  
15 things to be bought, plundered, and sold. His  
16 appetite will devour the earth and leave behind only a  
17 desert.

18 If we sell you our land remember that the air  
19 is precious to us, that the air shares its spirit with  
20 all life that it supports. All things share the same  
21 breath. What befalls the earth befalls all the sons  
22 of the earth.

23 This we know: All things are connected like  
24 the blood that unites us all. We did not weave the  
25 web of life. We are merely a strand in it. Whatever

1 we do to the web, we do to ourself. We love this  
2 earth as a newborn loves its mother's heart beat. So  
3 if we sell you our land, love it as we have loved it.  
4 Thank you.

5 SPEAKER 3109: Hello, my name is Mike Denny.  
6 I'm from Walla Walla. I'm here because I am extremely  
7 concerned. And my concern comes from cumulative  
8 impacts. I look at cumulative impacts across the  
9 world. I'd like you to think about the rural river  
10 valley and the coal that was mined in Germany for  
11 years and years and the condition of that river  
12 currently.

13 The Danube is not in good shape. Many Russia  
14 rivers are not in good shape strictly because they  
15 have been exporting coal for many years. I'm also --  
16 I would urge Ecology to do a full scope once you enter  
17 Washington state. And I would urge Ecology to strip  
18 out agriculture from the commodities.

19 I do not ever want to confuse agriculture  
20 with coal. Agriculture believes that they will have  
21 access -- track and access mobility to get their  
22 products to market. I don't believe that will happen.  
23 I believe coal is coal. And I never want confuse the  
24 two.

25 So I see agriculture as vital and important

1 and these commodities we have to have. And those are  
2 very, very key to our state's economy. I do not see  
3 coal as something that we can survive over the long  
4 term. So I would urge you again, please, full scope,  
5 and consider the long-term cumulative impact. Thank  
6 you.

7 SPEAKER 3185: Hi, thank you for letting me  
8 be here. I'm Stephanie Swanberg. I live in Franklin  
9 County. And I just remember Governor Inslee over and  
10 over and over during his campaign promising more jobs.  
11 And that was something that I took to heart. And it's  
12 seven-and-a-half percent unemployment and higher. Um,  
13 I was looking forward to this project moving forward  
14 quickly.

15 We would have the direct benefit of 12,000  
16 jobs which directly impacts Washington state. I have  
17 six kids. Um, I teach my children to be good stewards  
18 of the earth. It's important to me. And I do not  
19 feel that the impact of coal in this project would  
20 damage them in any way. I feel comfortable with the  
21 great good it would bring to our community.

22 So I implore you to move forward. I'm  
23 actually so tired right now of things not moving  
24 forward. And especially in our government. We just  
25 need to stop wasting time. And although I respect the

1 views of people that care about the earth, I think  
2 that sometimes extreme environmentalism gets in the  
3 way of progress. And thank you for your time.

4 SPEAKER 3209: My name is David Bilsland, and  
5 I'm from Spokane. And the one thing I want to prevent  
6 is having 500 pounds of coal per mile. It's going to  
7 ruin our environment both from China and on its way  
8 through. It's going to be screwing people up too.

9 I've got COPD from living a block away from  
10 the railroads. And having all that coal go through is  
11 going to do nothing but cause people more respiratory  
12 problems. They talk about more jobs? Yeah, we're  
13 going to need more respiratory therapists. We're  
14 going to need more ER doctors. We're going to need  
15 more medical personnel to deal with the effects that  
16 I'm suffering from living so close to the railroad  
17 tracks.

18 So we should not be shipping coal, especially  
19 this coal that is not even legal to burn in the United  
20 States. All we're doing is shipping pollution to  
21 China so that they can have the mercury come back on  
22 us. So we need to make sure that we do not allow  
23 these coal trains to continue and screw up more people  
24 like it's already screwed me up. Thank you very much.

25 SPEAKER 3159: Good evening. Thank you for

1 having us here today. My name is Erin Villcent. I'm  
2 here representing the Alliance for Northwest Jobs and  
3 Exports, a coalition of more than 40 organizations and  
4 growing across Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

5 These organizations stand for nearly 220,000  
6 employees and 39,000 businesses. Our alliance  
7 includes trade associations, unions, companies, and  
8 individuals. It's a nonpartisan group funded by our  
9 membership and representing a broad spectrum of  
10 interests including labor and business, democrats and  
11 republicans.

12 While our alliance supports all the proposed  
13 shipping projects, I do not speak for the individual  
14 projects. One of the most important and valuable  
15 assets in Washington is our position on the Pacific  
16 Rim and our export economy.

17 In fact, four out of ten jobs in our region  
18 are trade related. Another one of our strengths is  
19 our port facilities and related infrastructure that  
20 move product effectively in and out of these port  
21 facilities.

22 Each terminal should and will undergo careful  
23 environmental review by the professional regulators,  
24 state and federal, to ensure compliance with the  
25 existing laws. Construction of the export terminals

1 for the safe transportation of coal, these projects  
2 will meet or exceed all existing environmental and  
3 safety standards.

4 We urge policy makers to make a reasonable  
5 decision regarding this project, avoid setting  
6 precedent for future export products from apples to  
7 airplanes. This project means jobs now and in the  
8 future. Let's not delay. Thank you so much for your  
9 time.

10 Speaker 3191: My name is Bengie Boshee  
11 (phonetic) and I'm a resident of Walla Walla. And I'm  
12 here to express my position on the Longview Millennium  
13 Terminals. I include two general and two broader  
14 groups to shipping coal through the Northwest because  
15 it sacrifices my generation's right to a stable and  
16 livable climate in the name of corporate greed and  
17 short-term unsustainable economic benefits.  
18 Transporting coal from the Powder River Basin to be  
19 burned further violates my right to a livable world  
20 and to a sustainable future for my generation and the  
21 generations to come after me. Thank you.

22 SPEAKER 3232: Hi, my name is Cheryl, and I  
23 live in Clackamas County, Oregon. And I work at  
24 Millennium Bulk Terminals. I'm an environmental  
25 chemist. I've been involved in environmental cleanup

1 for a lot more years than I want to admit. But I  
2 think it's important that this job is looked at  
3 locally and treated like any other job in our state.

4 I think a regional impact study is reasonable  
5 and it would be setting a precedent to go beyond our  
6 region and scope. Thank you.

7 SPEAKER 3035: Thank you. My name is  
8 Tiffany McGuire. I live in south King County where I  
9 lived and grew up in south King County right next to  
10 the rail lines where coal trains are being proposed,  
11 the Cherry Point proposal. And I'm speaking here  
12 tonight because I'm passionate about this issue, in  
13 particular.

14 Well, I lived right next to a coal plant, and  
15 I saw the costs, true costs of that degradation that  
16 destroys the quality of life because of the health  
17 impact to people who can least afford care. So when  
18 you consider this proposal, it's important to consider  
19 all the true costs of it.

20 It's cheap if you don't keep in mind the  
21 amount of healthcare costs, the lack of quality of  
22 jobs that come in because the area is damaged, the  
23 environmental degradation. So when you are talking  
24 about the proposal and about the jobs, it's not only  
25 important to look at the bottom line, but it's also

1 important to look at what you're subtracting from  
2 that. So I encourage a cumulative impact. Thank you.

3 SPEAKER 3180: Hi there, I'm Dorothy Knudson  
4 from Walla Walla County. And I only have comments  
5 about the process. It makes me sad to think that we  
6 aren't very good at debating. What I've heard tonight  
7 is one side presenting we really should not have the  
8 coal going out, the other saying we need the jobs. We  
9 do need the jobs, but we're a creative place.

10 So we don't need anymore drug dealers or jobs  
11 that are degrading. We need jobs that will allow  
12 people to use their creativity and to preserve and  
13 care for the environment. So I know that you're --  
14 everything I can say you've already heard. I just  
15 hope that you hear underneath some of the remarks.  
16 Thank you.

17 SPEAKER 3165: Thank you. I'm Terry Hill.  
18 I'm from Spokane County. Like the two counties here,  
19 Benton and Franklin County, Spokane stands to see a  
20 dramatic increase in rail traffic without the benefits  
21 of any jobs. There will be few, if any jobs, created  
22 in Spokane.

23 I don't see where the jobs are going to be  
24 created in these towns. I would ask that the scoping  
25 process investigate the numbers of jobs that are being

1 thrown out here tonight. Did you look into those and  
2 see if those numbers are accurate? Where are those  
3 jobs? In what industry? I'd like to know.

4 And I'd also like to ask that you look beyond  
5 the state of Washington at the impacts of this rail  
6 traffic. The beautiful state of Montana, some of the  
7 most pristine lakes in the world; the beautiful state  
8 of Idaho are going to be greatly impacted by coal dust  
9 from these coal trains.

10 Lastly, I would like you to look at the cost  
11 of direct action to the railroads. Recently a number  
12 of people were arrested in Montana for trespassing.  
13 They were protesting these rail -- these trains. If  
14 you think that that's the last one, you're wrong.  
15 There's going to be a lot more if this coal thing goes  
16 through. Thank you.

17 SPEAKER 3163: Thank you for the opportunity  
18 to speak today. I'm Joelle Robinson, and I live near  
19 the rail line. I'm fourth generation Washingtonian.  
20 I encourage you to please study the impact of 16 extra  
21 coal trains every 24 hours through communities all  
22 along the rail line from Montana and Wyoming to  
23 Longview. Please study the huge amounts of coal that  
24 I found on the banks of the Columbia River near  
25 Horsethief Park that is already there from the current

1 coal trains and what the increased blow off would be.  
2 Please study the exponential increase of diesel  
3 emissions and the subsequent increase in cancer and  
4 lung disease to the thousands of people that live in  
5 the rail corridor.

6 Please study the loss of life expected due to  
7 ambulances, fire engines, and police cars locked  
8 behind coal trains. Please study what happens when a  
9 cave-size ship carrying coal capsizes in our pristine  
10 waters spilling the equivalent of a small oil refinery  
11 of bunker fuel to save the loss of livelihood for our  
12 fishermen, tribal neighbors, orchard farmers due to  
13 mercury poisoning and ocean acidification from burning  
14 exported coal in Asia.

15 Please study the adverse impact of climate  
16 destruction from burning this coal, Powder River Basin  
17 coal, on the lives of my seven nieces and nephews,  
18 ages eight to 18, and the lives of your children and  
19 the all the children and all the parents and  
20 grandparents and aunts and uncles in this room. Thank  
21 you.

22 (The SEPA Scoping meeting concluded at 8:00  
23 p.m.)

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