

Subject **Comments, Longview Coal Export Facility**
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, WA Department of Ecology, and Cowlitz County Commission

Dear and Cowlitz County Commission,

Coal is the most dangerous and toxic fossil fuel. I strongly oppose the construction of a coal export terminal at Longview, Washington.

I'm concerned about the negative health impacts of long, dirty coal trains traveling to and from Longview. I'm also concerned by the amount of carbon and mercury pollution that this project will inject into our atmosphere.

Greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide increase the impacts of climate change for all of us, regardless of where this coal is burned. The proposal would result in the emission of approximately 88 million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year when this coal is burned. We want fewer, not more, superstorms, droughts, heat waves and floods.

Mercury is transported on trade winds from Asia back to the US. We want less, not more, mercury contaminating the fish we eat and the water we drink.

Sixteen trains per day, each over one mile in length, will pollute air and water with diesel fumes and coal dust, increase congestion and noise, and delay emergency responders.

The project would also expand strip-mining in Wyoming and Montana, damage aquatic ecosystems and fishing areas, while increasing tanker traffic and the potential for shipping accidents and spills.

I urge you to consider these impacts in the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement and to include a Health Impact Assessment with a public scoping process.

Thank you,

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