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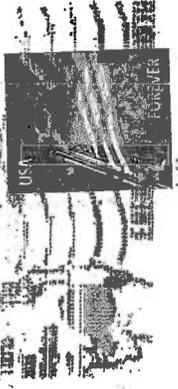
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Millennium Bulk Terminal  
c/o ICF International  
710 Second Ave, Ste. 550  
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Re: Scoping Longview Terminal EIS

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Millennium Bulk Terminals  
Longview EIS  
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**SCOPING ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION  
FROM THE PROPOSED COAL SHIPPING TERMINAL AT LONGVIEW, WA**

Agency Representatives:

As the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is prepared, please scope environmental degradation to Longview, WA and the immediate surrounding areas including the Columbia River. Some important issues to scope would be the following;

1. **Please scope the human health hazards from the inevitable inhalation of fugitive coal dust in and around Longview.** People who live and work in and around Longview, WA will breath fugitive coal dust particles from trains, coal piles, and coal dust; this coal dust will be airborne, but will not be visible. The most hazardous health impacts are from fine, microscopic particles of coal, which are *invisible* to the naked eye. Particle size of 10 microns and below will contribute to and create health hazards and ultimately to disease. Just because you cannot see something, does not mean it does not exist.
2. **Please scope the effect on all species of flora and fauna within and around the Columbia River and the ecosystems surrounding borders of that river.** Coal that is transported from the Powder River Valley to Longview will be not be covered. Part of the route will be along the Columbia River, which will receive airborne coal dust at the least, but will also eventually receive larger particles of coal in time; wind will blow and rain will carry much coal into this magnificent river and will pollute and degrade the marine life therein. Just because you cannot see coal in the river, does not mean it is not there. Coal is toxic and contains heavy metals. Anywhere it is found it is dangerous and destructive to healthy life forms. The Columbia River is an important route for Northwest Salmon migration, a keystone species, upon which many other marine life depends. Our marine ecosystem should never be threatened by anything toxic.
3. **Please scope the effect on groundwater, tributary rivers, and adjacent soil where coal particles will be a deadly pollutant.** Coal dust and coal particles of any size will be released onto the ground, falling off of trains or being blown onto the ground by the wind and the rain. As the coal degrades and is crushed over time, it will leach into the

groundwater and contaminate the soil. This will, in time, lead to genetic changes in plants and animals, right on up the food chain to humans and will also effect drinking water. If you want a healthy future, do not build the terminal.

Respectfully submitted,



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