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c/o ICF International

710 Second Ave, Suite 550
Seattle WA 98104

To: Washington Department of Ecology, US Army Corps of Engineers, Cowlitz County Commission

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We are writing to request a comprehensive analysis of proposed plans to export 44 million tons of coal from the Millennium Bulk Terminals in Cowlitz County, Washington. This proposal would require that sixteen coal trains travel through the region on a daily basis (eight full and eight empty). Although Cowlitz County is some distance from Salem, our manufacturers and businesses share these same regional train tracks. Coal burned abroad yields pollution that returns to the Pacific Northwest and enters the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food chain. Residents of Salem spend time recreating and working in Portland, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, and other areas through which the coals trains would travel on their way to Asian markets.

Please analyze, examine alternatives, and outline proposed mitigation for the following:

- The cumulative impact on regional rail freight and passenger transportation of sixteen coal trains per day to the Millennium Bulk Terminal,, with possible train routing through the Oregon side of the Gorge and Portland, including:
 - Economic impacts from rail “bottle necks” or slow delivery of other goods.
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 - State taxpayer costs of upgrading railways to handle substantial additional train traffic.
 - Health impacts of increased pollution from coal dust and diesel pollution from trains, and the impact on taxpayers when these costs flow through the medical system.
- The impact on Oregon of burning 44 million tons of coal, in Asia, including:
 - Levels of mercury, arsenic, lead, and/or other heavy metals that would be deposited in the Pacific Northwest.
 - Sulfur dioxide emissions, known to cause acid rain.
 - Carbon dioxide emissions, which is linked to climate change, which poses a serious risk to Salem area vineyards and wineries.
- The impact on our “environmentally clean image” of massive coal exports. How would coal exports affect our ability to:
 - Recruit and retain businesses and employees
 - Attract tourism

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We look forward to seeing an analysis of these impacts in the Millennium Bulk Terminals Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,



Evan White
4553 Brock Loop S.
Salem, OR 97302



Hans West, M.D.
545 Waldo Ave SE
Salem, OR 97302

Enclosure: City of Salem Resolution

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

555 Liberty St SE / Room 220 • Salem, OR 97301-3513 • (503) 588-6159 • Fax (503) 588-6354

April 25, 2013

Honorable John A Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor
State of Oregon
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301-4047

RE: Coal trains moving through Salem

Dear Governor Kitzhaber:

We have heard from constituents seeking information regarding if and when Salem might be affected by trains with Asia-bound coal traveling through Salem en route to Coos Bay. We are aware that you have called upon the Secretary of the Interior and the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for coal export proposals. Several of Salem's neighborhood associations have recently submitted documents (enclosed) urging the Salem City Council to join in your request.

Please know that the City of Salem is supportive of your efforts to ensure that coal export proposals that may impact our region are thoughtfully and objectively examined. We would appreciate being kept apprised of any actions taken at the federal level in response to your request.

Sincerely,


Anna M. Peterson
Mayor of Salem

Enclosures

CC: Major General Todd T. Semonite, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
The Honorable Sally Jewell, U.S. Department of the Interior

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

The CANDO Neighborhood Association would like to express our support for a comprehensive environmental impact survey regarding the issue of coal trains exporting coal through our city.

After reviewing much information on the issue of coal trains and thinking about the impact on our city, we feel that an assessment of how coal trains would affect Salem is a necessity. The valley we live in already has poor air quality at times due to the pollens and allergens that get trapped in the area. Air quality is an issue of quality of life. Adding coal dust to the mix has the potential to create much more toxic air in our valley.

Another issue that is often overlooked is the traffic pollution that comes from cars stalled and waiting for trains as they pass through our city. Idling cars in traffic jams is a major cause of air pollution in many cities. In Salem, most of our traffic jams happen when cars get stopped as trains pass through. We don't have many options for going around trains as most of them that pass through Salem are at street level. If the train traffic were to grow, there would be more traffic jams, more cars idling, and more pollution in addition to the coal dust.

As so often happens, the poorest neighborhoods in our city would be the ones that would have to deal with most of the issues of coal dust. Most of the neighborhoods that the railroad tracks go through in poor or low middle class areas. Coal dust is known to cause respiratory issues and may also cause other health problems. Not only will those with the most need in our city be subjected to the dirtiest air, but they are also often the people in our city who are uninsured or under-insured and can least afford the care they would need.

As citizens and neighbors, we ask that you please support a comprehensive environmental impact survey that will help all parties understand the effects of allowing coal trains to traverse our city.

Thank you in advance,

Rebekah Engle
CANDO Neighborhood Chair



East Lancaster Neighborhood Association
555 Liberty Street SE, Room 305, Salem, Oregon 97301, 503-588-8207

March 7, 2013

To: Salem City Council
From: Susann Kaltwasser, co-president
East Lancaster Neighborhood Association
RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING ACTION ABOUT STUDY OF COAL SHIPMENTS
THROUGH SALEM

WHEREAS: One or more anonymous coal companies have been negotiating with the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay to export coal mined on public lands in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming and Montana;

WHEREAS: East Lancaster Neighborhood Association recognizes the potential for economic, public health and environmental impacts on residents of the City of Salem including members of East Lancaster Neighborhood Association;

WHEREAS: Coal is commonly transported by open top gondola rail cars attached to diesel locomotives;

WHEREAS: Coal dust, which contains heavy metals, and diesel exhaust are known to pose a threat to public health;

WHEREAS: Coal exported from Coos Bay would first travel by rail through the City of Salem;

WHEREAS: The rail line is adjacent to several schools, numerous private residences, small businesses, and government offices, and coal dust, along with particulates from diesel locomotives, will have potential negative impacts on the health of residents of Salem including members of East Lancaster Neighborhood Association;

WHEREAS: An increase in the amount of rail traffic, particularly trains carrying coal, threatens property values and thus has no economic benefit to the City of Salem or residents of East Lancaster Neighborhood Association.



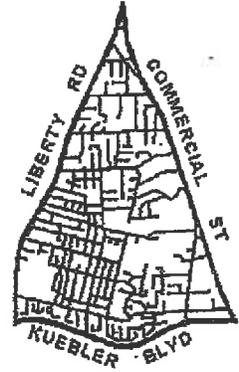
East Lancaster Neighborhood Association
555 Liberty Street SE, Room 305, Salem, Oregon 97301, 503-588-6207

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY EAST LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON, THAT:

1. East Lancaster Neighborhood Association is deeply concerned about the potential long term negative impacts that coal exports would have on the health, safety, and economic well being of the City of Salem, its residents, visitors, and members of East Lancaster Neighborhood Association.
2. East Lancaster Neighborhood Association calls upon our elected leaders on Salem City Council to join with Oregon Governor Kitzhaber in urging that the Army Corps of Engineers prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for all export proposals in the Pacific Northwest—that includes the effects of coal transport through the City of Salem.
3. This Resolution is effective upon its unanimous approval by the Association board at their meeting on March 7, 2013.

Faye Wright

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



DATE: February 4, 2013
TO: City Council of Salem, Oregon
FROM: Faye Wright Neighborhood Association
RE: Coal Trains

The Faye Wright Neighborhood Association is aware of the possibility of trains transporting coal to the coast passing through the City of Salem and is concerned about the potential impact those trains might have on the quality of life in Salem, resulting from, but not limited to, the following:

- Coal dust
- Diesel exhaust
- Traffic delays
- Decreased property values

The Faye Wright Neighborhood Association believes that it is essential to have a thorough, science-based, unbiased evaluation of the impact of coal trains passing through Salem.

Faye Wright Neighborhood Association of the City of Salem, Oregon calls upon our elected leaders on the Salem City Council to join with Oregon Governor Kitzhaber in requesting that the Army Corps of Engineers prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for all the coal export proposals for the Pacific Northwest, including the effects of coal transport through the City of Salem.

This statement was approved at the February 4, 2013 meeting of the Faye Wright Neighborhood Association.



March 22, 2013

Salem City Council
555 Liberty St SE, Room 240
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Mayor and Members of the Council,

On February 7, 2013, the Grant Neighborhood Association met and discussed the potential impact of coal transport through the Grant neighborhood and city of Salem. After much discussion, the neighborhood association concluded that more information is needed about the potential environmental effects of the proposed coal transport.

Therefore, the Grant Neighborhood Association strongly encourages the City to join with Governor Kitzhaber in urging the Secretary of the Interior and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to prepare a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for all export proposals in the Pacific Northwest, including coal transport through Salem.

We believe that a comprehensive EIS will help answer many of the questions that the Grant Neighborhood Association and others have about the potential environmental impact of coal transport through our community and help our elected officials make informed decisions.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eric Bradfield
Co-Chair
Grant Neighborhood Association

cc: Kacey Duncan, Deputy City Manager
Annie Battee, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Corinne Fletcher, Neighborhood Services Specialist

March 25, 2013

RESOLUTION
OF HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
CITY OF SALEM

WHEREAS: One or more anonymous coal companies have been negotiating with the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay to export coal mined on public lands in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming and Montana;

WHEREAS: Highland Neighborhood Association recognizes the potential for economic, public health and environmental impacts on residents of the City of Salem including members of Highland Neighborhood Association;

WHEREAS: Coal is commonly transported by open top gondola rail cars attached to diesel locomotives;

WHEREAS: Coal dust, which contains heavy metals, and diesel exhaust are known to pose a threat to public health;

WHEREAS: Coal exported from Coos Bay would first travel by rail through the City of Salem;

WHEREAS: The rail line is adjacent to several schools, numerous private residences, small businesses, and government offices, and coal dust, along with particulates from diesel locomotives, will have potential negative impacts on the health of residents of Salem including members of Highland Neighborhood Association;

WHEREAS: An increase in the amount of rail traffic, particularly trains carrying coal, threatens property values and thus has no economic benefit to the City of Salem or residents of Highland Neighborhood Association.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON, THAT:

1. Highland Neighborhood Association is deeply concerned about the potential long term negative impacts that coal exports would have on the health, safety, and economic well being of the City of Salem, its residents, visitors, and members of Highland Neighborhood Association.
2. Highland Neighborhood Association calls upon our elected leaders on Salem City Council to join with Oregon Governor Kitzhaber in urging that the Army Corps of Engineers prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for all export proposals in the Pacific Northwest—that includes the effects of coal transport through the City of Salem.
3. This Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval and shall be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Salem.

Lansing

Neighborhood Association

555 Liberty Street SE Room 305 Salem, Oregon 97301 503-588-6207

April 23, 2013

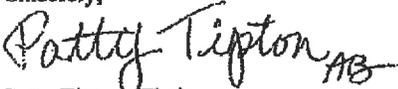
City Council
City of Salem
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Coal Trains coming through Salem, Oregon

Dear Council:

Lansing Neighborhood Association voted on February 26, 2013 to support Mayor Peterson's position for the environmental study regarding coal trains coming through Salem, Oregon. Our association is opposed to allowing them to travel through our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Tipton" followed by a stylized monogram "AT".

Patty Tipton, Chair
Lansing Neighborhood Association

Kathy Hall - Resolution passed by Morningside Neighborhood Association

From: Michael Mitchell <micmit6@hotmail.com>
To: "citycouncil@cityofsalem.net" <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Date: 3/21/2013 9:58 PM
Subject: Resolution passed by Morningside Neighborhood Association
CC: Pamela Schmidling <sidrakdragon@live.com>, "abattee@cityofsalem.net" <ab...

To: City of Salem Council Members
From: Morningside Board Association
Author: Board Member Michael Mitchell by request of Chairperson Pamela Schmidling
Date: March 21, 2013
Subject: Coal Trains Moving Through Salem

On the evening of March 13, 2013, Evan White made a presentation to our Board regarding the possible future shipping of coal by train through the Salem area, which prompted a resolution that was moved and passed at our Board meeting.

Resolution passed by the MNA Board on March 13, 2013:

The Morningside Neighborhood Association Board supports the Governor's proposal asking for a comprehensive environmental impact study to assess the possible implications of transporting coal by train through Oregon, including Salem and the Willamette Valley, part of which borders the East side of our neighborhood association.

As a Board, we felt that we are not experts in the possible implications that this might pose on our environment and health. We were unsure about taking a position to support, or not support, the interests of Evan's group. We did feel that we could take a responsible position by drafting this resolution. If, and when, you have further discussion about supporting or not supporting the Governor's call for an impact study, we ask that you consider our resolution, and thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Mitchell in behalf of the Morningside Neighborhood Association

PENDING APPROVAL

Minutes NEN Meeting: January 22, 2013

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Excused Absences- Nancy M./Nick B./Leslie P.

3 . Approval of Minutes- 12/4/12 approved as written

1/8/13 change to "Lisa Anderson-Ogllvie"-approved as corrected

4. Certificate of Recommendation- Beautification award to 1797 Chemeketa St NE

Motion: Ken S. /2nd – Jacqueline S./Vote- unanimous

5. Speaker(s)- Eric Spivak/Coal Trains

Motion: Bill H. – That NEN support City Council and Councilor Bennett's recommendation requesting that an environmental impact study /statement be completed by the Army Corps of Engineers on the effect of coal trains

2nd- Corliss B./vote- unanimous

- Plans to ship coal from Montana to Salem then export overseas. Five ports in Oregon are being considered; 150M tons of coal/yr.
- Concerns with schools that are adjacent to RR tracks; exposure to toxic coal dust and diesel emission
- Scientific studies/data available through Sierra Club
- Impact on emergency response time delays, since trains can be up to 1.5 miles in length
- Possible decrease in property values
- Environmental impact statements should be conducted prior to granting permits to coal corporations(however, a permit can be issued without an environmental impact statement). Coal companies need permits from the Dept. of Lands and the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Oregon does not have a comprehensive environmental plan that would protect it from having coal trains
- Councilor Bennett recommends that coal train issue needs to be studied further/environmental impact statement needed

March 14th, 2013

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RESOLUTION
OF NORTHGATE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
CITY OF SALEM

MAR 14 2013

CITY OF SALEM
CITY RECORDER

WHEREAS: One or more anonymous coal companies have been negotiating with the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay to export coal mined on public lands in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming and Montana;

WHEREAS: NORTHGATE Neighborhood Association recognizes the potential for economic, public health and environmental impacts on residents of the City of Salem including members of NORTHGATE Neighborhood Association;

WHEREAS: Coal is commonly transported by open top gondola rail cars attached to diesel locomotives;

WHEREAS: Coal dust, which contains heavy metals, and diesel exhaust are known to pose a threat to public health;

WHEREAS: Coal exported from Coos Bay would first travel by rail through the City of Salem;

WHEREAS: The rail line is adjacent to several schools, numerous private residences, small businesses, and government offices, and coal dust, along with particulates from diesel locomotives, will have potential negative impacts on the health of residents of Salem including members of Northgate Neighborhood Association;

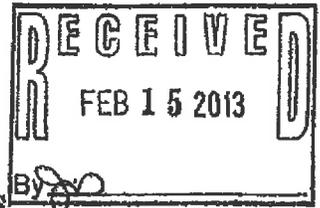
WHEREAS: An increase in the amount of rail traffic, particularly trains carrying coal, threatens property values and thus has no economic benefit to the City of Salem or residents of Northgate Neighborhood Association.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY NORTHGATE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON, THAT:

1. Northgate Neighborhood Association is deeply concerned about the potential long term negative impacts that coal exports would have on the health, safety, and economic well being of the City of Salem, its residents, visitors, and members of Northgate Neighborhood Association.
2. Northgate Neighborhood Association calls upon our elected leaders on Salem City Council to join with Oregon Governor Kitzhaber in urging that the Army Corps of Engineers prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for all export proposals in the Pacific Northwest—that includes the effects of coal transport through the City of Salem.
3. This Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval and shall be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Salem.

Respectfully,
Alden Dwan Muller
Land Use Chair
Northgate Neighborhood Association
971-205-6792
dwan58@live.com

Distributed to:
Mayor, Council, City Manager,
Deputy City Manager & City Attorney



South Central Association of Neighbors
"Celebrating our 40th Anniversary 1973-2013"

RESOLUTION

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FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the Governor of Oregon, John Kitzhaber, M.D., chief executive of the state, has requested a comprehensive programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of proposed export of coal from the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Salem, Oregon have placed under consideration support of the position of the State; and

WHEREAS, South Central Salem is adjacent to a rail line under consideration for transport of coal to be exported; a residential area, that includes or is in close proximity to a regional hospital and medical centers, public parks, a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places of the U. S. Secretary of Interior, state offices, Oregon State Capitol, an elementary school, a middle school and high school, athletic playing fields and a major university; and

WHEREAS, the policies of the State and City of Salem Area Comprehensive Plan (SACP) Goals and Policies support comprehensive coordinated "all-inclusive" area reviews and analysis of "functional and natural activities and systems" impacted by development activities, and "coordinated" reviews "when the needs of all levels of government, semi/public and private agencies and the citizens of Oregon" are to be considered; and

WHEREAS, these systems and activities include the land, air, water - both surface and subsurface; the protection of residential areas "from more intensive land use activity in abutting zones"; freight movement, "high priority on the planning, design and operation of a safe transportation system for all modes..minimizing conflicts," "public safety"-- that "rapid and safe movement of fire, medical and police vehicles shall be an integral part of the design and operation of the transportation system," including rail and inland marine network; and

WHEREAS, the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan (SACP) directs the "City shall take proactive measures to reduce the environmental impacts from transportation programs and projects by ensuring environmental resources are identified and evaluated for impacts early in the planning stage," and "activities should avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse environmental impacts"; and

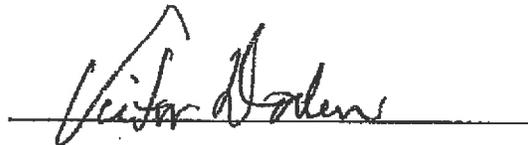
WHEREAS, the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan directs "where appropriate, the City shall look for cooperative opportunities with other public and private organizations" in assessing transportation activities

THEREFORE, the SOUTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORS EXECUTIVE BOARD finds and concludes preparation of a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is necessary and consistent with:

- (1) City of Salem Area Comprehensive Plan Urban Area Goals and Policies;**
- (2) a cooperative mechanism for data collection, and a practical, cost efficient, analytical tool and aid for City of Salem staff and municipal environmental reviews and for public comment;**
- (3) the comprehensive coordinated statewide policies and system of the State of Oregon on transportation and land use;**

THEREFORE, THE SOUTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORS (SCAN) hereby requests a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed export of coal from the Pacific Northwest to: (1) the Mayor and City Council of Salem, Oregon; (2) the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; (3) the U. S. Secretary of Interior; (4) relevant local, state and Federal agencies; (5) and elected officials.

Adopted on February 13, 2013



**Victor Dodier
President**

***Quoted material reference: Salem Area Comprehensive Plan
October 1992***

***Amended: March 1997, November 2000, July 2002, November 2003
April 2004, January 2005, February 2009, May 2009***

Feb. 12 2013

RESOLUTION
OF SEMCA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
CITY OF SALEM

WHEREAS: One or more anonymous coal companies have been negotiating with the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay to export coal mined on public lands in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming and Montana;

WHEREAS: SEMCA Neighborhood Association recognizes the potential for economic, public health and environmental impacts on residents of the City of Salem including members of SEMCA Neighborhood Association;

WHEREAS: Coal is commonly transported by open top gondola rail cars attached to diesel locomotives;

WHEREAS: Coal dust, which contains heavy metals, and diesel exhaust are known to pose a threat to public health;

WHEREAS: Coal exported from Coos Bay would first travel by rail through the City of Salem;

WHEREAS: The rail line is adjacent to several schools, numerous private residences, small businesses, and government offices, and coal dust, along with particulates from diesel locomotives, will have potential negative impacts on the health of residents of Salem including members of SEMCA Neighborhood Association;

WHEREAS: An increase in the amount of rail traffic, particularly trains carrying coal, threatens property values and thus has no economic benefit to the City of Salem or residents of SEMCA Neighborhood Association.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY SEMCA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON, THAT:

1. SEMCA Neighborhood Association is deeply concerned about the potential long term negative impacts that coal exports would have on the health, safety, and economic well being of the City of Salem, its residents, visitors, and members of SEMCA Neighborhood Association.
2. SEMCA Neighborhood Association calls upon our elected leaders on Salem City Council to join with Oregon Governor Kitzhaber in urging that the Army Corps of Engineers prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for all export proposals in the Pacific Northwest—that includes the effects of coal transport through the City of Salem.
3. This Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval and shall be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Salem.

12 March, 2013

Salem City Council
555 Liberty St. SE, Room 240
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Council,

The members of the South Salem Neighborhood Association are extremely concerned about the long-term, negative impacts of coal transport through the City of Salem, and Oregon as a whole. We strongly encourage our elected leaders on City Council to join with Governor Kitzhaber in urging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for all export proposals in the Pacific Northwest, which would include the effects of coal transport through Salem.

We feel there is potential for very negative economic, health and environmental impacts for the people of Salem. Diesel exhaust and heavy metal-laden coal dust would both be emitted during coal transport through our city. The health issues related to these emissions are well documented. While there is no economic benefit to the city or its residents, increased rail traffic, especially coal trains, would threaten Salem property values. We worry about the health and safety of all who live here, as well as the health of the local economy.

As always, our concern is for our neighbors, their children, and the overall quality of life in the City of Salem. We look forward to the City addressing our concerns by joining Governor Kitzhaber's push for a proper environmental analysis of possible coal export traffic through our city and state.

Sincerely,

David Kam
Chairperson
South Salem Neighborhood Association

Honorable Anna Peterson

Mayor, City of Salem

555 Liberty Street

Salem OR 97301

Dear Mayor Peterson,

For the last several months the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association has received information from The Serra Club and other organizations concerned with the possibility of coal trains passing through Salem en route the Port of Coos Bay. After much discussion the Sunnyslope Board voted 4 to 2 to encourage Council to support the request of the Governor Kitzhaber for a "comprehensive environmental study" of the implications of coal exports in Oregon.

We also request that the Council keep the Neighborhood Association apprised of the progress and conclusions of any studies concerning potential coal exports involving Salem.

Thank you for your consideration,

Alan Alexander

Chair, Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

WestSALEM

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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kenji@obra.org

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Nick Fortey

Walker Pool
Jan Schmitt

Watershed Council
EM Easterly

April 19, 2013

Mayor Anna Peterson
555 Liberty St. SE, Room 220
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Mayor Peterson,

The West Salem Neighborhood Association wishes to inform you that the WSNA has passed a resolution on April 15, 2013 in support of your letter to the Governor in regard to coal trains.

We believe that a comprehensive environmental impact study is a crucial part of the decision-making process. Given the potential negative impacts of coal trains passing through our city, it is a prudent step to ensure that our quality of life is preserved for future generations.

Sincerely,



Kenji Sugahara
Chair
West Salem Neighborhood Association