

## Office of the Governor

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Ms. Danette L. Guy  
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Seattle District  
c/o MBTL EIS-Co-Lead Agencies  
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RE: Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview, LLC EIS Scoping Comment

Dear Ms. Guy,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scope of the proposed environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Millennium Bulk Terminals Longview, LLC (the project). I support this project. It will improve infrastructure and business activity, create jobs and economic growth, and increase the country's global competitiveness. I support a thoughtful, thorough environmental and economic impact analysis of this project under the National Environmental Policy Act and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act.

I am troubled by suggestions that this project and other proposed terminals may be analyzed on a magnified scope. Environmental review and decision-making for localized mitigation measures and alternatives must focus on the specific area of impact. If the purview includes Asian energy use, world-wide greenhouse gas emissions, climate change and similarly broad and diverse areas the analysis will be compromised.

I believe energy is vital to economic, environmental and social stability. Coal is the most cost effective means to this end. Coal will be used in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and other Asian countries that continue to make technological advancements in clean coal combustion and emissions reductions. The future of the project will not change the course for these countries with respect to their growing need for and use of coal.

Millennium Bulk Terminals is a single project in a specific location, with well-defined parameters and operations. The Corps of Engineers' decision to conduct a full, site specific EIS for the project is appropriate. Washington State Department of Ecology should follow a similar

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course. An analysis of global environmental impact is not relevant and is outside of the influence of the project.

I recognize the import of one state weighing in to comment about another state. I do so here with great respect for Washington State and its Ecology Department and for all you and they do. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew H. Mead', is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark or stamp.

Matthew H. Mead  
Governor

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