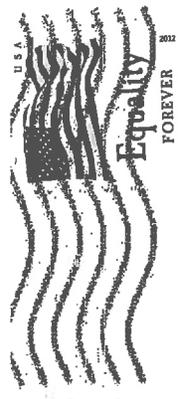


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Re: Millennium Bulk Terminal Longview Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Comments

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Department of Ecology, and Cowlitz County Commissioners:

In your environmental impact statement please consider the financial and energy security impacts to the United States, the Pacific Northwest, and Cowlitz County from the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminal's export of coal.

Coal is a finite and irreplaceable source of energy. Much of it is found on federal lands owned by the United States. Allowing global corporations to sell this energy resource to foreign nations undermines our country's future energy security. The arguably low selling price enables private corporations to profit at the expense of the public coffers. What are the financial and energy security losses for this exploitation of our nation's resources?

Should this coal be exported its unrestricted burning will come back to the Pacific Northwest and rest of the United States in increasingly acidified ocean waters and polluted air. The harm may be immeasurable, but please try and calculate the cost.

The mining of coal destroys aquifers, agricultural and range lands. The land can never be rehabilitated to its former biological diversity or geological structure. How do you put a price on these assets? Please try.

The transport of coal across the Rocky and Cascade Mountains, over numerous life-giving waterways, and along the unique treasure of the Columbia River from the mines to the docks will pollute the air, the land, and the water. Is it possible to put a value on nature and beauty? Please give an estimate.

Local communities will be impacted by unrelenting, thunderous, dirty lines of coal unit trains. The open coal cars and terminal itself will pollute the local land, air, and water with particulates and toxic metals. They will cause noise and light pollution in rural and urban areas. The degraded environments will affect the health of our people. At what price?

The infrastructure to mitigate the unneeded train traffic will be borne by federal, state, and local governments; and citizens who will lose property due to its taking by eminent domain. Please sum up who is profiting and who is paying.

If our laws and regulations mean anything they are meant to protect the health and prosperity of our citizens, and preserve our environment for the welfare of future generations. Exporting coal undermines the productive lives of multitudes of present and future citizens for the sake of short-term monetary gain for a few.

It is your unenviable responsibility to evaluate the social and economic impacts of the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminal project. Please do your best to enumerate the complete costs and benefits to the nation of exporting coal through the Pacific Northwest. Thank you.

Yours truly,



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