

MILLENNIUM BULK TERMINALS - LONGVIEW
NEPA DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PUBLIC MEETING - MAIN STAGE

5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

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COWLITZ COUNTY EVENT CENTER

1900 Seventh Avenue

Longview, Washington 98632

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Court Reporter

1 LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON; MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016

2 5:00 p.m.

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4 P R O C E E D I N G S

17:00:14 5 EVENT HOST: Welcome. If I could get folks

17:00:17 6 to settle into their seats and we'll resume the public

17:00:23 7 hearing here at the five o'clock hour. I would just

17:00:26 8 like to remind folks, if you could, to do any

17:00:31 9 discussions or chatter in the lobby, and we'll give

17:00:33 10 our time to the folks that would like to speak to the

17:00:37 11 Corps on this matter tonight.

17:00:39 12 On behalf of the US Army Corps of Engineers,

17:00:43 13 we want to welcome you to this public hearing which is

17:00:48 14 designed to ensure a safe and secure venue for you to

17:00:52 15 give your comments on the National Environmental

17:00:58 16 Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for

17:00:58 17 the Millennium Bulk Terminal Longview Project proposed

17:01:02 18 here in Cowlitz County near Longview, Washington, and

17:01:06 19 to be able to direct those comments to the US Army

17:01:06 20 Corps of Engineers.

17:01:13 21 My name is Scott Keillor. I'm part of the

17:01:16 22 consulting team here to help provide this venue to

17:01:18 23 take your comments. I'll be the facilitator and your

17:01:21 24 hearing officer tonight.

17:01:22 25 We'll begin with a little bit of

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17:01:24 1 housekeeping. I might start with the first item that

17:01:27 2 was just brought to my attention. We do have a tan

17:01:34 3 Mercury Grand Marquis that's license plate is 0077

17:01:34 4 with lights on out front in the ADA spaces. If you

17:01:38 5 want to attend to that vehicle, that would be great.

17:01:43 6 In addition, I want to cover the ground

17:01:45 7 rules. This afternoon, the audience and participants

17:01:50 8 in this public hearing did a good job complying with

17:01:52 9 those ground rules. We'll go over those and ask you

17:01:54 10 to adhere to those.

17:01:56 11 We'll also hear from Colonel John Buck from

17:01:59 12 the US Army Corps of Engineers and Linda Amato with

17:02:04 13 the consulting team to give you some overview and the

17:02:04 14 background on the Millennium project.

17:02:09 15 We'll begin the public hearing portion and

17:02:12 16 you will be able to provide your comments directly for

17:02:16 17 the record on this matter. We'll also discuss other

17:02:19 18 ways that you can comment. You may have been able to

17:02:22 19 attend the open house at some point today. We are

17:02:26 20 taking comment cards, you can comment online, and if

17:02:29 21 you prefer not to speak in front of the public, we do

17:02:32 22 have a court reporter opposite the lobby hallway who

17:02:37 23 can take your comments today, and this comment period

17:02:41 24 extends through November 29, 2016.

17:02:45 25 You will notice the consultant team and

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17:02:48 1 agencies are here to help. You can identify folks,

17:02:52 2 all have a name tag and many of the folks on the floor

17:02:56 3 are here to direct and help you have a tan vest if

17:02:59 4 they're not here up on stage or counting where they

17:03:03 5 can't be distracted. Those folks are to make sure we

17:03:07 6 do meet the fire capacity numbers for the hall. We're

17:03:13 7 all here to assist you, so please don't hesitate to

17:03:17 8 ask questions of staff.

17:03:18 9 Also the exits that you'll find in this main

17:03:23 10 venue are visible and located. They go to the outside

17:03:27 11 directly and, again, to the lobby where we have

17:03:30 12 multiple points of exits for you. You'll also note

17:03:32 13 that the restrooms are if you go out into the lobby

17:03:35 14 and turn right, they're in the back corner of the

17:03:39 15 building.

17:03:39 16 There is information that you can receive on

17:03:42 17 the project from the Draft Environmental Impact

17:03:45 18 Statement in the adjoining open house, and there are

17:03:48 19 staff there to answer your questions and you'll also

17:03:51 20 be able to get those same materials in brief format at

17:03:56 21 the welcome table.

17:03:58 22 We have a Spanish interpreter if anyone needs
17:04:00 23 some assistance there, and the screen to the left of
17:04:03 24 the main stage is for folks who may need to view to
17:04:07 25 partake in the hearing and understand what is being

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17:04:09 1 said.

17:04:10 2 If you would like to speak at the podium,
17:04:14 3 it's important that you get the small lottery ticket.
17:04:17 4 What we're doing here is we're projecting to the right
17:04:20 5 of the main stage those numbers and giving you an
17:04:25 6 audible indication of those numbers so that you can
17:04:28 7 come and check in with Kim, go ahead and get seated in
17:04:33 8 the speaker cue. We'll take speakers in the same
17:04:36 9 order that they are selected.

17:04:38 10 At the top of each hour including right after
17:04:40 11 this brief presentation, we'll take up to five public
17:04:45 12 and tribal elected officials at the top of each hour,
17:04:49 13 and we'll go from five to nine o'clock, and we'll end
17:04:53 14 promptly at nine this evening.

17:04:55 15 I would like to introduce here on the stage
17:04:58 16 table to my far right, Colonel John Buck, District
17:05:06 17 Commander for the US Army Corps of Engineers.
17:05:06 18 Directly to his right, Muffy Walker. She's the
17:05:06 19 Regional Branch Chief of the US Army Corps of

17:05:12 20 Engineers. We also have at the lower table to observe
17:05:14 21 the hearing tonight, Sally Toteff with the Washington
17:05:19 22 Department of Ecology.

17:05:21 23 Now for the ground rules. They're important
17:05:23 24 and really just foster an element of respect so that
17:05:28 25 everyone who is involved is able to speak to this

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17:05:32 1 issue of coal exports overseas and the sort of
17:05:39 2 passionate viewpoints that this can bring on all
17:05:41 3 sides. So just to ensure that we're giving a fair
17:05:45 4 opportunity for everyone to speak and that they're not
17:05:46 5 feeling intimidated. I'll ask you, again, to hold
17:05:48 6 your comments to two minutes, use the lottery system
17:05:56 7 as we've outlined it, respect the fact that we may
17:05:59 8 have up to five public officials speaking at the top
17:05:59 9 of the hour.

17:06:01 10 Any intimidating behavior that makes somebody
17:06:05 11 feel uncomfortable giving their presentation won't be
17:06:08 12 tolerated. Please don't in any way prevent someone
17:06:11 13 from making their comments and avoid clapping,
17:06:15 14 cheering, jeering, loud speakers. Visual or audible
17:06:19 15 disturbances we will not allow.

17:06:22 16 What we will allow you to do, and I think it
17:06:24 17 works well, if you have a ten-by-ten sign and you
17:06:27 18 identify with the speaker, you can hold that up. As

17:06:31 19 long as those are kept to a ten-by-ten, that's how we
17:06:34 20 would like you to identify with a speaker.

17:06:37 21 So we do want to hear your comments. If we
17:06:40 22 have too many disruptions, we'll give a warning and
17:06:41 23 can suspend or otherwise stop the proceedings if
17:06:47 24 safety is involved.

17:06:49 25 So we want to thank you in advance and note

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17:06:52 1 that we'll next hear from a couple of our panel
17:06:56 2 members starting with Colonel John Buck with the
17:06:56 3 Seattle District US Army Corps of Engineers.

17:06:56 4 Colonel.

17:07:04 5 COLONEL BUCK: All right. Thanks, Scott.

17:07:04 6 Again, my name is Colonel John Buck. I'm the District
17:07:08 7 Engineer Commander of the US Army Corps of Engineers,
17:07:13 8 Seattle District, and I'll be presiding over this
17:07:14 9 evening's public hearing.

17:07:17 10 First and foremost, I want to say welcome and
17:07:20 11 thank you for coming out this evening. This meeting
17:07:23 12 serves as an opportunity to comment on the Draft
17:07:26 13 Environmental Impact Statement and to provide comments
17:07:27 14 on the permit action itself.

17:07:30 15 Scott already discussed the specifics
17:07:32 16 regarding the process for commenting here this

17:07:35 17 evening. In a few minutes, Linda Amato will discuss
17:07:37 18 the National Environmental Policy Act/Draft
17:07:43 19 Environmental Impact Statement or NEPA DEIS in more
17:07:47 20 detail, but before they do, I'll briefly describe the
17:07:51 21 permit application hearing process.

17:07:54 22 So the purpose of tonight's hearing is for me
17:07:55 23 to gather information on the NEPA DEIS and the permit
17:08:00 24 application, not to debate the pros and cons of the
17:08:01 25 project. Cross-examination of speakers will not be

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17:08:07 1 allowed. I will not answer questions asked by
17:08:10 2 speakers regarding the project. Written and oral
17:08:14 3 presentations will be given equal weight when I make
17:08:16 4 any decision. I'll carefully consider all of your
17:08:18 5 comments in making my decision on the permit.

17:08:22 6 One of the federal laws the US Army Corp of
17:08:27 7 Engineers implements is Section 404 of the Clean Water
17:08:29 8 Act. This law requires that a federal permit be
17:08:33 9 obtained from the Corps for discharging of dredged or
17:08:36 10 fill materials into waters of the United States
17:08:39 11 including wetlands.

17:08:42 12 Another law that we implement is Section 10
17:08:42 13 of the Rivers and Harbor Act which regulates work in
17:08:48 14 navigable waterways of the United States. This
17:08:51 15 proposal also requires a Section 10 permit.

17:08:53 16 For all standard permits, a public notice is
17:08:56 17 issued for public review and comment. The public
17:09:00 18 notice was widely distributed to federal, state, local
17:09:06 19 agencies, Indian tribes, adjacent property owners, and
17:09:08 20 interested citizens and groups. Generally the public
17:09:11 21 notice comment period is 30 days. For this proposal,
17:09:14 22 we began a public comment period on September 30th of
17:09:18 23 this year. Following this hearing tonight, the Corps
17:09:24 24 will accept additional public comments until the close
17:09:25 25 of business November 29th of this year.

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17:09:31 1 Comments received, both in response to public
17:09:34 2 notices and at public hearings, will become a part of
17:09:36 3 the record and are considered and evaluated in the
17:09:39 4 final decision on the permit application. I will
17:09:43 5 consider all comments from citizens, organizations,
17:09:47 6 local and state governments, tribes, and other federal
17:09:51 7 agencies in making my decision to issue or deny a
17:09:55 8 permit.

17:09:56 9 The reason we hold public hearings is to
17:10:00 10 elicit new significant information relevant to the
17:10:04 11 Millennium Bulk Terminal Longview Proposal and its
17:10:05 12 impacts which will help me make a balanced decision.

17:10:09 13 The decision to issue or deny a permit is

17:10:12 14 also based on the problematic impact of the proposed
17:10:14 15 work within the US Army Corps of Engineers'
17:10:18 16 jurisdiction, its intended use, the benefits which may
17:10:21 17 be expected to accrue from the proposal, and my
17:10:24 18 evaluation under Section 404(B)(1) guidelines of the
17:10:29 19 Clean Water Act and the public interest. The
17:10:32 20 guidelines include a review of alternatives to
17:10:35 21 determine if the proposal is the least environmentally
17:10:40 22 damaging practical alternative.

17:10:43 23 The public interest review includes analysis
17:10:45 24 of impact on wetlands, fish and wildlife values,
17:10:49 25 threatened and endangered species, the aquatic food

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17:10:54 1 web and ecosystems, water quality, safety, aesthetics,
17:10:59 2 environmental justice and, in general, the needs and
17:11:02 3 welfare of the people.

17:11:03 4 My evaluation must look at the benefits
17:11:07 5 expected from the proposal and weigh them against the
17:11:09 6 foreseeable detriments when making my decision.

17:11:12 7 If a determination is made that the project
17:11:14 8 meets the Section 404(B)(1) guidelines and evaluation
17:11:20 9 and is not contrary to the public interest, a federal
17:11:25 10 permit would be issued.

17:11:27 11 I want to stress that while I give all
17:11:30 12 comments full consideration, the comments of tribes as

17:11:32 13 well as federal, state, and local agencies as experts

17:11:37 14 in their respected fields receive very careful

17:11:38 15 attention.

17:11:40 16 In September, a Draft Environmental Impact

17:11:40 17 Statement on the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminal

17:11:48 18 Longview Project was completed according to the

17:11:51 19 procedures of the National Environmental Policy Act.

17:11:52 20 The US Army Corp of Engineers was the lead federal

17:11:55 21 agency for the NEPA Draft EIS with the Environmental

17:11:55 22 Protection Agency and US Coast Guard participating as

17:11:55 23 cooperating agencies.

17:12:05 24 Now I would like to introduce Linda Amato to

17:12:07 25 provide a brief presentation on the NEPA process for

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17:12:07 1 the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

17:12:07 2 Linda.

17:12:12 3 MS. AMATO: Thank you, Colonel. I'm Linda

17:12:16 4 Amato as you all know by now. I'm with ICF, a

17:12:21 5 consulting firm that is overseeing the EIS, and I'm

17:12:25 6 the consulting project manager for the NEPA Draft EIS.

17:12:28 7 I'm going to provide a little bit of an overview for

17:12:31 8 the process but first I want to highlight some of the

17:12:33 9 key elements of the proposed project.

17:12:38 10 Millennium proposes to construct and operate

17:12:40 11 an export terminal. The terminal would receive coal
17:12:40 12 by rail from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming and
17:12:47 13 Montana and the Uinta Basin in Colorado and Utah. The
17:12:49 14 coal would be stored onsite in stockpiles then loaded
17:12:54 15 and transported by vessels via the Columbia River and
17:12:57 16 Pacific Ocean to overseas markets in Asia. At full
17:13:01 17 operation, the proposed project would transport up to
17:13:03 18 44 million metric tons of coal per year.

17:13:07 19 The proposed project would include a rail
17:13:11 20 loop to move trains on the site. The rail loop would
17:13:12 21 have one operating track to move trains and eight loop
17:13:15 22 tracks where trains would be parked. And, on this
17:13:19 23 graphic, this is the site. And so this is the rail
17:13:23 24 loops with the eight tracks.

17:13:26 25 Coal stockpiles inside the rail loop area

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17:13:29 1 would cover about 75 acres of the 190-acre site, and
17:13:34 2 that is located here between these tracks.

17:13:38 3 Also on the site would be a network of
17:13:41 4 conveyors, transfer stations, and buffer bins to move
17:13:45 5 coal around the site from stockpiles and trains to the
17:13:49 6 vessels.

17:13:52 7 Two new docks on the Columbia River would be
17:13:52 8 constructed. Each dock would include equipment called
17:13:55 9 shiploaders to load coal onto vessels, and these are

17:13:59 10 the two new docks. Dock one is an existing dock right

17:14:03 11 here.

17:14:04 12 In addition, a water treatment facility to

17:14:07 13 treat surface runoff and process water, which is right

17:14:11 14 there.

17:14:12 15 And then new rail traffic would be introduced

17:14:15 16 to and from the site. There would be 16 trains per

17:14:21 17 day, eight loaded coming to the site and eight empty

17:14:21 18 trains leaving the site.

17:14:22 19 And there would be new vessel traffic of 840

17:14:27 20 vessels per year, which would be 1,680 one-way vessel

17:14:30 21 transits, and the trains would come along this spur

17:14:34 22 line and eventually connect with the BNSF mainline in

17:14:40 23 Kelso.

17:14:41 24 So the EIS process, the Corps hired a

17:14:45 25 third-party consultant, ICF, and we are managing,

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17:14:50 1 preparing the Draft NEPA document for the Corps. ICF

17:14:53 2 and a team of consultants analyze the project's

17:14:56 3 potential impacts and documented their findings in

17:14:59 4 technical reports. We prepared about 20 technical

17:15:02 5 reports for resource areas. Colonel Buck mentioned

17:15:09 6 many of them. For example, land use, aesthetics, rail

17:15:11 7 transportation, vehicle transportation, vessel

17:15:15 8 transportation, fish, wetlands, water quality. Those
17:15:17 9 are just some of the about 20 topics, and I invite you
17:15:23 10 to go next door to the open house where we have fact
17:15:26 11 sheets. We also have boards and staff there available
17:15:30 12 to answer any questions you have, and we also have a
17:15:32 13 copy of the EIS for you to look at.

17:15:36 14 Once we prepared these technical reports, the
17:15:39 15 Corps along with other federal agencies with expertise
17:15:42 16 reviewed the analyses and findings that we developed
17:15:47 17 and provided their input.

17:15:49 18 According to NEPA, the Environmental Impact
17:15:53 19 Statement is supposed to identify potential impacts
17:15:53 20 from the project and possible ways to mitigate those
17:15:57 21 impacts. The EIS is a prerequisite to the permit
17:16:00 22 process and local, state, and federal agencies will
17:16:04 23 later use the EIS as the Final Environmental Impact
17:16:07 24 Statement to make a permanent decision.

17:16:09 25 As Colonel Buck mentioned, the EIS itself

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17:16:13 1 does not recommend whether a project should be built
17:16:16 2 or not.

17:16:18 3 Unlike NEPA on the federal level, there is
17:16:21 4 also a parallel requirement at the State level, the
17:16:25 5 State Environmental Policy Act. Cowlitz County and
17:16:26 6 Washington State Department of Ecology released their

17:16:31 7 Draft Environmental Impact Statement early this year
17:16:32 8 on April 30th, and they had a public comment period
17:16:37 9 also and they are in the process of reviewing those
17:16:37 10 comments.

17:16:41 11 So the general timeline for the project. In
17:16:45 12 August of 2013, the Corps issued a Notice of Intent
17:16:49 13 which also kicked off the public comment period for
17:16:54 14 scoping, and that was approximately a 90-day period
17:16:57 15 from August to November 2013.

17:17:00 16 After that period, the Corps looked at the
17:17:04 17 public comments from scoping and developed their scope
17:17:06 18 of work for which the DEIS and the technical reports
17:17:06 19 are based.

17:17:09 20 From June 2014 when the scope of work was
17:17:15 21 developed up until this time, September of 2016, the
17:17:20 22 technical reports were prepared, the Corps' expert
17:17:24 23 agencies reviewed, documents were revised, and the
17:17:27 24 Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released on
17:17:29 25 September 30th.

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17:17:29 1 Tomorrow we'll have another public hearing in
17:17:33 2 Vancouver and then following the 60-day comment
17:17:36 3 period, the Corps will review all comments and
17:17:40 4 consider them and prepare a Final EIS, and it is

17:17:44 5 anticipated that the Final EIS will be released in
17:17:46 6 summer 2017.

17:17:48 7 So what's next? We have a 60-day comment
17:17:53 8 period which will run through November 29th and, from
17:17:56 9 now until November 29th, you are invited to submit
17:17:58 10 comments either verbally here tonight in front of the
17:18:03 11 audience, we also have a private room, as Scott
17:18:07 12 mentioned, where you could sit in front of a
17:18:11 13 transcriber and give your oral comments, you can
17:18:13 14 comment by mail, US mail, or at the open house we have
17:18:17 15 comment forms, and you can also comment online. And
17:18:20 16 the address for online and the address to mail
17:18:23 17 comments are also on the materials located in the open
17:18:26 18 house area.

17:18:27 19 As mentioned, once the comment period ends,
17:18:31 20 the Corps will review your comments and decide if
17:18:35 21 additional studies are needed. At that point, the
17:18:40 22 Final Environmental Impact Statement will be released.

17:18:41 23 So, if you would like more information about
17:18:44 24 the project or if you want to read comments that were
17:18:47 25 submitted to date, please go to our project website

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17:18:50 1 and, again, that website is on all of the materials
17:18:55 2 over at the open house.

17:18:56 3 With that, I will turn it back over to Scott

17:18:58 4 to open up the formal hearing.

17:19:05 5 EVENT HOST: Thank you, Linda.

17:19:06 6 The Corps is anxious to hear your comments

17:19:09 7 and we'll get started with the formal public hearing.

17:19:13 8 Again, to speak, you'll want to have a lottery ticket

17:19:16 9 and listen and look to the screen to my left, your

17:19:18 10 right, for that number and come up front, and we'll

17:19:21 11 hear folks in the order that they arrive and their

17:19:25 12 numbers are selected.

17:19:26 13 Keep in mind that we would like you to direct

17:19:29 14 your comments towards the NEPA Draft EIS. You can,

17:19:35 15 for example, comment on the accuracy of the

17:19:37 16 information, the appropriateness of the methodologies,

17:19:40 17 reasonableness of alternatives. Copies of the Draft

17:19:45 18 EIS, as Linda indicated, are available in the open

17:19:47 19 house and available online.

17:19:49 20 We're going to continue this afternoon's

17:19:52 21 hearing so, in addition to the two numbers that we

17:19:55 22 carried over when we took our break at four, we've got

17:19:59 23 an additional eight numbers.

17:20:00 24 Emma, if you could read those ten numbers so

17:20:02 25 we make sure everybody is informed.

17:20:07 1 EMMA: These are the last four numbers on

17:20:09 2 your tickets, 1697, 1643, 1714, 1623, 1813, 1781,
17:20:27 3 1815, 1879, 1849, 1803.

17:20:33 4 EVENT HOST: Thank you very much. If you
17:20:36 5 would when you come up to speak, if we could get your
17:20:39 6 name, your county or city of origin, that would be
17:20:39 7 helpful.

17:20:43 8 When you do start to speak, you'll see right
17:20:44 9 in front of you on the podium the green light will
17:20:46 10 come on, and it's going to be on for 90 seconds.
17:20:51 11 You'll have two minutes total. So it starts to beep
17:20:55 12 at 60 seconds, halfway through, then it will turn to
17:21:01 13 flashing green to orange-yellow, and that will give 30
17:21:05 14 seconds, so it's time to think about wrapping up.
17:21:08 15 Your two minutes are up when the red light comes on,
17:21:11 16 and I will politely ask you to yield to the next
17:21:13 17 speaker.

17:21:14 18 Now, it's important that when you do address
17:21:18 19 the Corps that you also address that panel so that the
17:21:19 20 court reporter can read lips and get all of this
17:21:22 21 information down in a timely manner rather than facing
17:21:26 22 the crowd, so I may remind you in that event.

17:21:30 23 If you do have more comment, you feel like
17:21:33 24 two minutes wasn't enough, we have a table for you to
17:21:35 25 leave your written comments and we have the court

17:21:38 1 reporter, and other ways to continue to share with the
17:21:42 2 Corps your thoughts on the Draft Environmental Impact
17:21:44 3 Statement for NEPA. As I mentioned, we'll be
17:21:50 4 accepting those and, as Colonel Buck mentioned, all
17:21:52 5 the way through November 29th, so more than a month
17:21:55 6 out.

17:21:56 7 Okay. We're going to get started and there
17:21:58 8 are some -- because this is a formal public hearing,
17:22:01 9 some items I need to read into the record.

17:22:04 10 I'm Scott Keillor, Hearing Officer for this
17:22:09 11 hearing this evening. We're conducting a hearing on
17:22:10 12 the NEPA DEIS for the Millennium Bulk Terminal
17:22:13 13 Longview. Let the record show it is approximately
17:22:18 14 5:20 on October 24, 2016. The hearing is being held
17:22:24 15 at Cowlitz County Expo Center, Longview, Washington.

17:22:27 16 Legal notice of the hearing were published
17:22:30 17 including the Federal Register on October 7, 2016,
17:22:34 18 Volume 81, Number 195, and additional notice was
17:22:39 19 provided via mail to 5,870 interested people near the
17:22:46 20 proposed site. Notices were also published including
17:22:52 21 The Daily News, Longview, Washington on September 30
17:22:53 22 and October 16, 2016.

17:22:56 23 We will call folks up using the lottery
17:23:00 24 numbers to give oral testimony, you have two minutes.
17:23:01 25 We have already described the sequencing of the lights

17:23:06 1 and you'll be asked to wrap up. I've also mentioned
17:23:11 2 that it would be helpful for you to provide your name
17:23:14 3 and residence and to speak clearly into the mic so
17:23:18 4 that we can record your testimony.

17:23:21 5 We also have for the top of this hour several
17:23:26 6 elected or tribal officials that I will call up, and
17:23:28 7 then we'll get started with the speaker cue. One
17:23:32 8 moment.

17:23:33 9 We have two starting with Dennis Webber,
17:23:40 10 Cowlitz County Commissioner. You have two minutes.

17:23:46 11 SPEAKER 1: Thank you very much for this
17:23:53 12 opportunity to address you. My name is Dennis Webber,
17:23:56 13 I live in Longview, Washington.

17:24:00 14 My perspective as an elected official is
17:24:00 15 framed by my promise to faithfully serve all of the
17:24:03 16 people of this region, and the people of this region
17:24:06 17 overwhelmingly support a project that is built
17:24:08 18 correctly.

17:24:09 19 The EIS could more accurately describe the
17:24:13 20 economic and community health impacts of this proposal
17:24:16 21 however by referencing the following critical facts
17:24:19 22 that should have everyone's attention.

17:24:23 23 One, less than 15 percent of Cowlitz County
17:24:24 24 residents have a four-year college degree or more.

17:24:28 25 Two, Cowlitz County's unemployment rate has

17:24:29 1 consistently been at least two percent above the
17:24:34 2 national average since the closure of Reynolds.

17:24:36 3 Three, real incomes are down. More than one
17:24:38 4 out of three residents here are so poor they are
17:24:40 5 enrolled in Medicaid for health insurance.

17:24:43 6 And four, the persistent poverty in this
17:24:45 7 region is reflected in lower life expectancy and
17:24:48 8 higher adult suicide rates than the rest of the state.

17:24:53 9 Nothing cures poverty more than jobs, jobs,
17:24:54 10 jobs. The no-action alternative does not address the
17:24:58 11 grinding poverty that is destroying the lives of
17:25:02 12 thousands of our residents and killing off our more
17:25:06 13 vulnerable. Support for the status quo is
17:25:07 14 unacceptable for those who really want to fight
17:25:07 15 poverty.

17:25:11 16 Our goal is for long-term job creation for a
17:25:14 17 blue-collar community without a lot of college degree
17:25:17 18 in the workforce. To reduce the chronic unemployment
17:25:22 19 currently destroying the spirit of so many residents,
17:25:24 20 one important step is to support a plan to resolve the
17:25:27 21 transportation blocks in this local area.

17:25:30 22 The EIS clearly demonstrates if our coal is
17:25:34 23 to reduce the bad effects of burning fossil fuels, we
17:25:36 24 can move in the right direction by supporting the

17:25:40 25 substitution of low-sulfur coal for high-sulfur coal

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17:25:44 1 currently used in Asia. The no-action alternative

17:25:48 2 makes the perfect the enemy of the good and leaves

17:25:50 3 Asia increasingly dependent on higher sulfur coal

17:25:53 4 leaving our people victims of a worsening environment.

17:25:57 5 Support for the status quo is unacceptable for those

17:25:59 6 who truly want a cleaner world and a cleaner

17:26:03 7 environment. Thank you.

17:26:03 8 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.

17:26:08 9 We'll next hear from Ed Orcutt, Washington

17:26:11 10 State Representative, District 20.

17:26:13 11 SPEAKER 2: Thank you. For the record, I'm

17:26:20 12 Ed Orcutt, State Representative for the 20th District.

17:26:21 13 I reside in Kalama, which is just a short distance

17:26:24 14 down the freeway from here.

17:26:25 15 My comments today are in favor of job

17:26:29 16 creation. I've been in the legislature since 2002 and

17:26:33 17 job creation has always been one of my top priorities.

17:26:38 18 Without advancing this EIS to a Final EIS and doing it

17:26:41 19 in an expedited manner, you delay the opportunity for

17:26:46 20 these folks out here to go back to work.

17:26:50 21 That Reynolds site has been idle with little

17:26:53 22 or no activity going on for about 16 years now, and

17:26:58 23 that's how long we've had some people going without
17:27:01 24 work, and that's unacceptable.

17:27:03 25 Our unemployment rate is chronically high,

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17:27:07 1 not only higher than the national average, our state
17:27:07 2 is higher than the national average, we are higher
17:27:09 3 than the state average here in Cowlitz County. That
17:27:10 4 is unacceptable. We need to advance projects like
17:27:14 5 this.

17:27:15 6 When we see a proposal come forward and we go
17:27:20 7 and request the company do more than any other company
17:27:25 8 has ever had to do and they meet all of the
17:27:27 9 requirements, it is time to say yes to it. It is time
17:27:30 10 to move this project forward. We can't continue this
17:27:34 11 delay. And, if we do say no to this project now, the
17:27:40 12 entire business community is watching. If we say no,
17:27:44 13 the message that the business community will hear, not
17:27:47 14 only statewide, not only nationwide, but worldwide,
17:27:51 15 they will hear that Cowlitz County is closed for
17:27:54 16 business and maybe even Washington State.

17:27:56 17 From the standpoint of trying to balance
17:27:59 18 budgets and take care of those who have their own
17:28:00 19 needs in our state, we can't continue to fund all of
17:28:03 20 the things that we need to do if we are not growing
17:28:06 21 the economy and growing jobs. We absolutely need

17:28:10 22 projects like this.

17:28:11 23 If you say no after all of they've been

17:28:14 24 through, then we are going to hear no from a lot of

17:28:19 25 different companies. We cannot afford that any

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17:28:22 1 longer.

17:28:22 2 Please say yes, please advance this, and

17:28:25 3 let's get those folks that are behind me back to work.

17:28:29 4 Thank you.

17:28:30 5 EVENT HOST: And we'll go to our first

17:28:30 6 speaker in the lineup.

17:28:33 7 You'll have two minutes, sir. Please come

17:28:36 8 forward.

17:28:40 9 SPEAKER 3: Hello. My name is Ben Damish

17:28:44 10 (phonetic). I'm a retired professional who lives in

17:28:48 11 Longview, property owner in Cowlitz County, and I live

17:28:53 12 in West Longview about two miles from the site.

17:28:58 13 I've also -- I'm generally a probusiness kind

17:29:01 14 of guy. I have served on a statewide economic

17:29:04 15 development commission and, as a property owner of

17:29:09 16 about 20 housing units in this county, I'm all for

17:29:14 17 jobs. In my former life, I was an active union member

17:29:21 18 in a factory, and I'm for jobs on that level as well.

17:29:24 19 I'm very sympathetic to the blue shirts as well as the

17:29:28 20 red shirts here.

17:29:29 21 Along with that, I have a business school

17:29:31 22 kind of approach to the analysis, and I've looked at

17:29:35 23 the EIS and have kind of performed a cost-benefit

17:29:40 24 analysis of it. The benefits to the community are the

17:29:42 25 jobs, that's true, and the multiplier effect on top of

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17:29:48 1 that.

17:29:48 2 However the health negative aspects, which

17:29:55 3 other people have talked about, just can't be

17:29:57 4 mitigated. When I looked at it, I weigh that against

17:30:00 5 the very long -- very short -- excuse me -- the very

17:30:04 6 real long and short negative factors, and I come to

17:30:08 7 the conclusion that the -- this is just not -- I argue

17:30:12 8 for no action, and I urge you to do no action.

17:30:16 9 In Clatskanie, there was a similar project

17:30:20 10 under the same kind of mitigation efforts and

17:30:24 11 permitted, and they were -- that was rejected

17:30:27 12 primarily because PGE had a gas turbine generation

17:30:31 13 plant there, and they were afraid the coal dust was

17:30:33 14 going to get into their gas turbine and screw things

17:30:36 15 up.

17:30:36 16 And I think whether you're wearing a red

17:30:40 17 shirt or a blue shirt, you should be concerned about

17:30:41 18 the coal dust getting into the lungs of our children.

17:30:44 19 When I worked in a factory --
17:30:47 20 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir. Your time is
17:30:49 21 up. We're happy to take your written comments.
17:30:52 22 SPEAKER 3: Okay. Just don't let us be the
17:30:54 23 only place in the Northwest that gets one of these.
17:30:57 24 EVENT HOST: Next speaker, please.
17:31:01 25 SPEAKER 4: Hello. I'm Don Steinke from

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17:31:16 1 Vancouver, a retired physics teacher. I was on the
17:31:19 2 Clark County Clean Water Commission for five years.
17:31:23 3 To Mr. Chapman, to Mr. Kelly, and to the
17:31:26 4 Cowlitz County Commissioners, I ask did you know that
17:31:29 5 in 1992 President Bush was the first to sign the
17:31:37 6 United Nations Convention on climate change to make
17:31:39 7 sure we don't cause climate change and that ever since
17:31:43 8 then, climate deniers have made the problem worse?
17:31:48 9 The last two years have been the warmest in
17:31:51 10 history. If you don't believe climate change is the
17:31:56 11 greatest threat in history and that humans are causing
17:31:58 12 it, then you are a climate denier. There is no way
17:32:03 13 anyone can support this coal terminal unless they are
17:32:07 14 climate deniers.
17:32:09 15 To those in the building trades and the
17:32:11 16 employees of Millennium, I say join the alliance for

17:32:15 17 jobs and clean energy instead of the alliance for our
17:32:20 18 destruction.

17:32:20 19 If elected, Hillary Clinton has pledged 500
17:32:23 20 million new solar panels and 100,000 new wind turbines
17:32:30 21 installed during her first term. There are far more
17:32:33 22 jobs in clean energy than in fossil fuels. I lobbied
17:32:39 23 in Olympia for jobs in solar energy. Did you?

17:32:41 24 To the Army Corps, I say act on climate. Of
17:32:46 25 course, this is not in the public interest. Of

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17:32:49 1 course, it's against public interest.

17:32:52 2 In 2014, the Pentagon said that climate
17:32:56 3 change was a threat multiplier and, in 2015, John
17:32:59 4 Kerry and President Obama said that climate change was
17:33:04 5 a greater long-term risk than terrorism.

17:33:06 6 Vancouver City Council voted one week ago
17:33:10 7 today to oppose this coal terminal, and I encourage
17:33:14 8 you to say no to more fossil fuel infrastructure.

17:33:17 9 Stop being part of the problem. Thank you.

17:33:20 10 EVENT HOST: Thank you. We'll have our next
17:33:23 11 speaker, and I have checked with the Corps on this.
17:33:27 12 We've got a couple of young speakers and you'll be
17:33:27 13 taking turns.

17:33:31 14 And we did talk about where we do have an
17:33:35 15 interpreter and will be allowing three minutes if that

17:33:37 16 case comes up or if that applies to yourselves out

17:33:41 17 there.

17:33:41 18 Go ahead.

17:33:44 19 SPEAKER 5: Hello. My name is Lily Mason. I

17:33:46 20 am 13 years old and from Sunnyside Environmental

17:33:49 21 School in Portland, Oregon.

17:33:49 22 I'm here to say and stand up for my and

17:33:52 23 future generations. This is my passion and I'm

17:33:56 24 worried and sickened by what we are doing to our

17:33:56 25 Earth.

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17:33:59 1 Yesterday I spent the day with my family in

17:34:03 2 the Columbia Gorge. The beauty was astounding. As I

17:34:06 3 walked through the forest, I looked over to the other

17:34:08 4 side of the Columbia at a huge black ugly piece, a

17:34:12 5 coal train.

17:34:12 6 I could feel my anger and sadness rising up

17:34:18 7 within me.

17:34:18 8 My mom noticed that my face was turning red

17:34:21 9 and turned to me and asked if I was okay.

17:34:24 10 No, I'm not okay, I responded. We are

17:34:27 11 destroying this Earth, the place that I and millions

17:34:31 12 of others call home.

17:34:31 13 And now I'm here today asking you, the adults

17:34:34 14 with power, what are we doing?
17:34:38 15 Millennium Coal wants to build the largest
17:34:41 16 export facility in North America creating tons and
17:34:44 17 tons of greenhouse gas emissions causing damage
17:34:47 18 everywhere around the world. And for what, profit?
17:34:52 19 I think about my seven-year-old brother who
17:34:55 20 talks about his future and how he wants to raise 12
17:34:57 21 kids. At home, we laugh about this. But, when I'm
17:35:00 22 alone, I don't laugh.
17:35:02 23 I think about poisoning our Earth and what
17:35:04 24 this does to our imagination. I want to imagine a
17:35:09 25 different kind of world. A world where life, liberty,

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17:35:11 1 and happiness is not something that can be taken away.
17:35:16 2 Thank you.
17:35:18 3 SPEAKER 6: Hello. My name is Olivia
17:35:32 4 (inaudible), and I'm an eighth grader from Sunnyside
17:35:33 5 Environmental School in Portland, Oregon.
17:35:35 6 Many of my days this summer was spent on the
17:35:38 7 spit of Washington kite boarding. Often a peaceful
17:35:40 8 moment on the water would be interrupted by a coal
17:35:44 9 train passing by on land. The sight of it devastated
17:35:47 10 me. To think that the train before me was
17:35:51 11 transporting hundreds of tons of coal that would be
17:35:53 12 burned adding greenhouse gas emissions into our

17:35:57 13 atmosphere further destroying our climate.
17:35:58 14 It astonishes me that after the recent
17:36:01 15 climate talks held in Paris we are even thinking about
17:36:09 16 extracting, exporting, and burning more coal. Knowing
17:36:11 17 that my generation is going to have to face the
17:36:11 18 consequences of climate destruction worries me.
17:36:14 19 I want a future where anything is possible.
17:36:17 20 Thank you.
17:36:18 21 EVENT HOST: As I mentioned, our next speaker
17:36:26 22 will be using an interpreter, so we'll give you three
17:36:30 23 minutes for your presentation.
17:36:30 24 MR. ARIAS: Interpreter is Adrian Arias,
17:36:30 25 Washington Certified Court Interpreter.

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17:36:45 1 SPEAKER 7: Good afternoon. My name is Moses
17:36:45 2 Torres.
17:36:52 3 I am a volunteer with One American and with
17:36:57 4 Sierra Club, and I'm also a student at Clark College.
17:37:11 5 I was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, and I now live in
17:37:14 6 Vancouver.
17:37:15 7 I know that we have lots of work to do to
17:37:18 8 protect our environment and to provide clean air and
17:37:21 9 water for everybody.
17:37:33 10 Projects such as these tend to have the

17:37:36 11 biggest consequences and the most impact on poor
17:37:42 12 communities and on immigrant communities like mine.
17:37:53 13 I'm here today to ask that you deny the permits for
17:37:56 14 the advancement of this project.

17:38:04 15 United we will never be defeated. Thank you.

17:38:09 16 EVENT HOST: Thank you for your comments.

17:38:17 17 Sir, if you will go ahead and step up.

17:38:20 18 SPEAKER 8: Thank you, Colonel Buck and

17:38:30 19 colleagues. I am Richard Hodgkin, and I live in

17:38:34 20 Seattle. I speak for myself, my sons, Noah and Adam,

17:38:36 21 and my godsons, Colin and Nathaniel.

17:38:40 22 The proposed Longview terminal needs to be

17:38:44 23 rejected by the Army Corps just like you did at the

17:38:47 24 proposed coal terminal at Cherry Point on May 9th of

17:38:53 25 this year. You sided with the Lummi Nation to block

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17:38:56 1 the largest coal port ever proposed in North America.

17:39:00 2 That partnership should continue today. Thank you,

17:39:05 3 Colonel Buck for your decision in that matter.

17:39:07 4 My faith motivates and requires me to speak

17:39:10 5 out on the moral issue of protecting our children and

17:39:15 6 leaving them clean air and water and a sustainable

17:39:21 7 future. I have learned from the Northwest natives

17:39:25 8 that land, air, and water are sacred.

17:39:28 9 What is sacred about shiploads and train

17:39:33 10 loads of poisonous coal traversing our state.
17:39:38 11 Individually and collectively we need to find the
17:39:42 12 courage to plan sustainable futures.
17:39:45 13 The Seattle Times reported in that rejection
17:39:46 14 of the proposed coal terminal at Cherry Point quoted
17:39:46 15 Robert Anderson, Director of the Native American Law
17:39:55 16 Center at the University of Washington School of Law.
17:39:57 17 Quote, Lummi fishing rights and the
17:40:00 18 associated habitat are property rights protected
17:40:05 19 against interference by state and the federal
17:40:08 20 government and private parties.
17:40:10 21 My faith teaches us we are here on Earth to
17:40:14 22 heal ourselves, our community, and our world. My
17:40:19 23 faith community has a healing prayer that includes
17:40:24 24 these two lines. Help us find the courage to make our
17:40:29 25 lives a blessing. Our blessing will be a healthy

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17:40:34 1 future for our children unshackled from deadly air and
17:40:38 2 water.
17:40:44 3 EVENT HOST: If we could get five more
17:40:44 4 numbers for the lottery.
17:40:44 5 We wrapped up with your time. Thank you,
17:40:44 6 sir.
17:40:46 7 EMMA: 1621, 1926, 1924, 2011, 1783.

17:41:02 8 SPEAKER 9: Good evening. My name, for the
17:41:10 9 record, is Ted Thomas and I'm from Astoria. I'm an
17:41:10 10 out-of-work boilermaker. I built coal-fired power
17:41:14 11 plants for a living, and so it takes a lot of growth
17:41:22 12 on my behalf to say the following words.
17:41:25 13 The name for a country that exports raw
17:41:28 14 materials and imports finished goods is a calling
17:41:31 15 synonymous with failure as a nation. Concurrent with
17:41:34 16 the role of colony is a subordination of sovereign
17:41:40 17 political autonomy. As a colonial power employs its
17:41:43 18 economic power derived from an inequitable balance of
17:41:49 19 trade to undermine local sovereignty to undermine the
17:41:56 20 colonies' ability to self government.
17:41:58 21 No one can rationally argue that the negative
17:42:01 22 balance of trade that the US currently experiences
17:42:02 23 with China is not the source of capital for the blue
17:42:08 24 shirts, Millennium PR campaign, that more insidious
17:42:14 25 their lobbying efforts directed at our self

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17:42:14 1 governments.
17:42:19 2 At the beginning of the Industrial
17:42:19 3 Revolution, carbon dioxide stood at 200 parts per
17:42:22 4 million. It's now 400. If we don't find the will to
17:42:25 5 leave the oil under the soil and the coal in the hole,
17:42:29 6 we'll see 1,100 parts per million.

17:42:35 7 Permian die off levels and all of the
17:42:37 8 regulatory capture and government officials angling
17:42:39 9 for lucrative positions with lobbying firms will be
17:42:43 10 irrelevant at that time.

17:42:48 11 EVENT HOST: Sir.

17:42:52 12 And, as you approach, if you can, drop your
17:42:54 13 tickets off, and we'll get you lined up for your two
17:42:57 14 minutes. Thank you.

17:42:59 15 SPEAKER 10: Good evening. My name is John
17:43:02 16 Nelson. I work for a small business in town, help
17:43:02 17 manage it. My wife is the accountant at Millennium
17:43:02 18 Bulk.

17:43:10 19 Like our business and other businesses in
17:43:12 20 this town, Millennium and their employees purchase
17:43:16 21 items from us and other businesses like food,
17:43:20 22 clothing, cars, and entertainment. They help support
17:43:24 23 the railroad, the longshoremens, and people that live
17:43:27 24 in this community. They are good for the economy.
17:43:33 25 Can you do better than that?

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17:43:36 1 Millennium pays hundreds of thousands of
17:43:39 2 dollars in taxes annually. A large percentage of that
17:43:43 3 goes to the schools. Can you do better than that?

17:43:47 4 EVENT HOST: Sir, we can add a few seconds

17:43:50 5 here. If you can address the panel. She needs to lip

17:43:51 6 read. Thank you.

17:43:51 7 SPEAKER 10: Sure. The coal used in the

17:43:55 8 Asian markets is going to be purchased by us or

17:43:59 9 Indonesian markets. Until they find a better way,

17:44:01 10 it's going to be purchased and burned. The coal that

17:44:05 11 we have in the Wyoming and Montana has a lower mercury

17:44:12 12 content and ash content than the Indonesian markets.

17:44:16 13 I would rather have us -- have them burn the cleaner

17:44:21 14 coal and help our economy, not the Indonesian economy.

17:44:24 15 I have a concern about the effects as well.

17:44:27 16 Until we can figure out what to do with the burning of

17:44:30 17 anything, we have to take care of us. I have been to

17:44:36 18 Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho, and Eastern Washington in

17:44:39 19 the wintertime. The snow is not black. There is no

17:44:44 20 dust at the Kelso train station. You can go there

17:44:46 21 anytime and look.

17:44:49 22 You all have a finger pointed at Millennium

17:44:52 23 and the coal. How about it's time to take a look at

17:44:58 24 the three pointing right back at yourself. How did

17:44:59 25 you get here? A petroleum-based product, I'm

17:45:04 1 assuming, ran on tires. Where does all of the tires

17:45:07 2 go? Where does all the dust go when the tires wear

17:45:09 3 down? Okay, just like the coal, there is no dust.

17:45:12 4 It's been almost five years, and you can't have it

17:45:15 5 done better than that.

17:45:19 6 EVENT HOST: Our next speaker and, after this

17:45:19 7 speaker, we'll call five more numbers.

17:45:22 8 SPEAKER 11: Hello. Welcome to Longview, an

17:45:28 9 industrial town. My name is Jason Lundquist. I'm the

17:45:31 10 ILWU Local 21 President, Longview, representing

17:45:34 11 400-plus members and casuals, some of which are fourth

17:45:38 12 generation stewards of the river. I would like to

17:45:41 13 thank the US Army Corps of Engineers for the work that

17:45:42 14 you do on the river and making sure that we have safe

17:45:46 15 passage of our import and export cargos.

17:45:49 16 I had the pleasure of meeting Millennium five

17:45:51 17 years ago. When Millennium came in here, they took

17:45:53 18 over a site that nobody wanted to touch. They've done

17:45:57 19 the remedial work there in order to clean up the site

17:45:58 20 that nobody wanted to remember. In doing so, they

17:46:01 21 have embraced this community, not only the workers of

17:46:04 22 the community but all aspects of this community.

17:46:07 23 I've had the opportunity of touring Port

17:46:11 24 Waratah in New Castle, Australia. It is the largest

17:46:13 25 coal facility that's been in business and doing

17:46:16 1 business for over 40 years, and I can tell you that

17:46:19 2 seeing firsthand what that looks like and talking with
17:46:21 3 the folks and seeing the homes and such that are
17:46:26 4 living next to that facility, it's nothing like you
17:46:29 5 hear the scare tactics that we're listening to today.

17:46:32 6 I look forward to you going into the EIS,
17:46:35 7 looking at those facts, taking those facts, and
17:46:36 8 understanding that this is a community that
17:46:38 9 desperately needs these jobs, and we need to support
17:46:41 10 businesses the come in here and support us.

17:46:44 11 Daily -- it's not daily, but there is a
17:46:46 12 continuous number of trains that pass through here
17:46:49 13 carrying coal that are going to Canada. We would like
17:46:51 14 to see that cargo come here to be American jobs.
17:46:56 15 Honestly, what is more American than supply and
17:46:59 16 demand. As there is a demand, we must meet the
17:46:59 17 supply.

17:47:00 18 And I'm sure that you, along with all the
17:47:03 19 other environmental agencies that are overlooking
17:47:07 20 this, will see that Millennium has been forthright and
17:47:10 21 honest and meeting all the facts. So, please, I ask
17:47:12 22 you to embrace the facts, understand that in this
17:47:14 23 community these jobs are extremely important, and we
17:47:17 24 need these family-wage jobs because this is something
17:47:19 25 that this community desperately needs.

17:47:23 1 EVENT HOST: Thank you. Hold the applause.

17:47:25 2 If we could get five more numbers, and then

17:47:25 3 we'll take the next speaker. Thank you.

17:47:30 4 EMMA: 1794, 1806, 1944, 1672, 1606.

17:47:48 5 SPEAKER 12: Hello. I'm Steve Bolt. I don't

17:47:54 6 have any knowledge except life.

17:47:56 7 So 350 yards, right over there, a train is

17:48:02 8 going by with coal heaped up over the top of it, right

17:48:07 9 there straight across from us. You can see it, look.

17:48:12 10 There's no dust coming off of it. There's one foot

17:48:16 11 next to that is a train station right there. From

17:48:19 12 here to here, I can touch that train. I've never seen

17:48:23 13 a protestor stand there. There is nothing wrong with

17:48:27 14 this product. It's perfectly fine.

17:48:29 15 Millennium has cleaned up Reynolds like you

17:48:32 16 would not believe. I was there five years ago when

17:48:36 17 they started the cleanup. They've cleaned it up way

17:48:39 18 better than Reynolds had ever left it.

17:48:41 19 I support Millennium 100 percent. If they

17:48:44 20 want to protest, there's a train right there going by

17:48:47 21 right now. Go get it.

17:48:49 22 Thank you.

17:48:54 23 EVENT HOST: We'll take our next speaker,

17:48:56 24 please. You'll have two minutes.

17:48:58 25 SPEAKER 13: Hello. My name is Josh

17:49:04 1 (inaudible). I'm from here in Longview.

17:49:06 2 I'm coming out here to support Millennium.

17:49:09 3 One of the things that makes America as amazing as it

17:49:12 4 is is we have respect for the rule of law. If someone

17:49:15 5 follows the rules, does what's right, and does

17:49:18 6 everything according to the codes and stipulations

17:49:20 7 that are put down, they have the right to do what they

17:49:24 8 wish in peace. What separates America from every

17:49:27 9 other nation on Earth is the fact that you can have

17:49:29 10 trust that the legal procedures will go out. It's not

17:49:32 11 always fair, I get that but, in general, you're given

17:49:35 12 a fair shake to do the best you can.

17:49:38 13 My dad came from Finland which is a country

17:49:39 14 that is still a great country. However in that

17:49:42 15 country they have environmental regulations that make

17:49:45 16 it very difficult for kids my age, I'm 22, to have a

17:49:49 17 fair shake in life to be able to grow.

17:49:53 18 One of the sad things is Washington State, I

17:49:55 19 believe the last time I checked, they had 19 percent

17:49:59 20 youth unemployment rate. It's expensive being a kid.

17:49:59 21 A better economy raises all (inaudible).

17:50:02 22 I just went down to the mall and played --

17:50:07 23 drove the go-carts there. That was 15 bucks for 15

17:50:11 24 minutes of fun, good hard fun, and I had a great time

17:50:13 25 there.

17:50:13 1 What I want to see, and I ask you, Colonel
17:50:16 2 Buck, to please, please, help all us kids out. Let us
17:50:18 3 get good jobs. I realize that we're not going to get
17:50:22 4 the great jobs right off the bat, but there's always
17:50:25 5 going to be a need for somebody to do all the things
17:50:27 6 that kids do such as flipping burgers and being
17:50:30 7 waiters and stuff like that as we grow and move up in
17:50:33 8 life, so stand for us and stand for the rule of law.

17:50:37 9 Thank you.

17:50:38 10 EVENT HOST: Our next speaker, please.

17:50:41 11 SPEAKER 14: Hello. My name is Randall
17:50:48 12 Buford, and I'm from Kelso, Washington, 22-year
17:50:48 13 resident.

17:50:51 14 Before that, I spent 35 years in Southern
17:50:56 15 Illinois, which many of you don't know is coal
17:50:57 16 country. I walked along railroad tracks my whole life
17:50:59 17 as a kid and I never once came across a pile of coal
17:51:03 18 dust, that is a lie, flying off the trains, period.

17:51:08 19 EVENT HOST: Excuse me. I'm going to add to
17:51:09 20 your time as well, but we do have the recording going
17:51:12 21 on, and they need to read lips, so if you could
17:51:15 22 address the panel. We'll add 15 seconds.

17:51:17 23 SPEAKER 14: I'm sorry. As far as jobs go,
17:51:21 24 according to Millennium, they will be hiring 300

17:51:23 25 full-time wages. That means a support -- a full-time

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17:51:30 1 job, industrial job, will support seven jobs outside

17:51:31 2 which 300 would mean there would be 2,100 jobs being

17:51:35 3 supported by that company. We need them jobs.

17:51:38 4 My wife and I run a small business or have

17:51:41 5 until we retired. We cleaned out houses and

17:51:46 6 apartments that were abandoned. After Reynolds closed

17:51:49 7 and the plants cut back their jobs, we had a booming

17:51:54 8 business. We did well. We made lots of money

17:51:59 9 cleaning up the houses that good families had to leave

17:52:02 10 because they'd lost their jobs.

17:52:05 11 I hear there's no imports to Asia. Right now

17:52:10 12 they are burning sulfur-heavy coal. Sulfur dioxide s

17:52:15 13 a much greater detriment to our environment than

17:52:19 14 carbon dioxide. You want more -- less pollutants in

17:52:25 15 the air, they could burn high-carbon coal, not

17:52:30 16 high-sulfur coal.

17:52:32 17 Our trade and balance is ridiculous. We need

17:52:36 18 to figure that out. We are putting our great-great

17:52:39 19 grandchildren in debt to pay off the money that you

17:52:43 20 are spending today.

17:52:49 21 Government oversight will see to it that it

17:52:51 22 is run cleanly. If the government doesn't take care

17:52:55 23 of us, we're in trouble. They're supposed to make
17:52:58 24 sure that this is done cleanly. Thank you.
17:53:04 25 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir. We'll go ahead

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17:53:05 1 and take our next speaker. After this speaker, we'll
17:53:09 2 select an additional five lottery numbers.

17:53:12 3 SPEAKER 15: Carol Johnson, retired school
17:53:18 4 librarian and active grandmother.

17:53:20 5 I've lived in Clatsop County, Oregon since
17:53:22 6 1976 near the Columbia River in the heart of the
17:53:26 7 estuary. Since retiring, I have worked tirelessly to
17:53:29 8 protect the health of the Columbia River and support
17:53:33 9 the restoration of the salmon runs.

17:53:35 10 This DEIS fails to address major impacts to
17:53:38 11 the Columbia River Estuary from the export terminal.
17:53:41 12 Everything that happens upriver affects the water
17:53:44 13 quality and the wildlife habitat downriver. Currently
17:53:48 14 there are 13 species of salmon and steelhead listed as
17:53:53 15 threatened or endangered on the Columbia River.

17:53:54 16 The health of the downriver communities
17:53:58 17 depend on the health of these fish runs. The Columbia
17:54:01 18 River Estuary is protected habitat and state and
17:54:03 19 federal agencies have poured millions of dollars into
17:54:06 20 restoring the salmon runs. A coal terminal puts all
17:54:09 21 of that at risk.

17:54:11 22 The DEIS also dramatically underestimates the
17:54:15 23 potential impact of coal dust from the terminal and
17:54:18 24 its trains on the Columbia River. The Columbia River
17:54:21 25 Estuary is a linchpin for salmon recovery.

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17:54:25 1 The DEIS has failed to adequately disclose
17:54:27 2 coal dust impacts which means that the DEIS also fails
17:54:31 3 to evaluate how the terminal would impact protected
17:54:35 4 fish in the estuary.

17:54:37 5 The DEIS also fails to assess climate change
17:54:41 6 on the Columbia River system. The Columbia River is
17:54:44 7 becoming too warm for salmon. It is a trend that will
17:54:48 8 be intensified by the production of coal and other
17:54:51 9 fossil fuels. This pollution indirectly warms the
17:54:56 10 Columbia River by decreasing the snow pack and
17:54:58 11 increasing the regional temperatures. The DEIS is
17:55:01 12 completely inadequate in its assessment of carbon
17:55:05 13 pollution from the project.

17:55:05 14 We urge the Army Corps to choose the
17:55:11 15 no-action alternative. If the Corps does not have the
17:55:14 16 courage, then the responsible action is to withdraw
17:55:15 17 and revise the Draft EIS.

17:55:17 18 The Columbia River Estuary is critical for
17:55:21 19 the current and future health of people and the salmon

17:55:23 20 and should not be sacrificed for a dead-end coal

17:55:27 21 terminal.

17:55:27 22 EVEN HOST: We'll take our next speaker,

17:55:29 23 please.

17:55:31 24 SPEAKER 16: My name is Sandra Davis. I'm

17:55:41 25 from Longview, Washington.

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17:55:46 1 The Army Corps of Engineers' DEIS has yet to

17:55:47 2 address mitigation to alleviate five blocked driveway

17:55:51 3 accesses to Weyerhaeuser's property which will be

17:55:55 4 caused by Millennium's 16 coal trains a day. This

17:56:00 5 Weyerhaeuser property is over 600 acres and supports

17:56:03 6 five independent corporations, Weyerhaeuser, One Rock

17:56:11 7 Capital Partners, Nippon Dynawave Packaging, Specialty

17:56:14 8 Minerals, and Axiall Corporation. Their employees,

17:56:17 9 suppliers, and shippers will have access denied during

17:56:22 10 Millennium's operations 24 hours a day, seven days a

17:56:25 11 week.

17:56:26 12 There are approximately 2,000 workers

17:56:29 13 employed by these corporations which also operate 24

17:56:33 14 hours a day, seven days a week. Anywhere from two to

17:56:37 15 three employees shifts come and go through these

17:56:40 16 access driveways.

17:56:42 17 Our local officials have previously discussed

17:56:45 18 requiring taxpayers pay for an elevated access

17:56:48 19 driveway into Weyerhaeuser property because of the
17:56:51 20 concern of blocked access from these proposed coal
17:56:54 21 trains. Taxpayers are not responsible for improving
17:56:59 22 private property. The responsibility lies with
17:57:01 23 Millennium and Burlington Northern Railway.
17:57:04 24 The 600-acre property has employed thousands
17:57:07 25 of people and provided thousands of tax dollars to the

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17:57:11 1 county through the years. Shouldn't existing
17:57:13 2 businesses have the right to operate without being
17:57:16 3 denied full access to their property?
17:57:19 4 I would ask the Corps to include in the Final
17:57:22 5 EIS the solution to correct this access blockage
17:57:26 6 caused by Millennium's coal trains. Thank you.
17:57:26 7 EVENT HOST: Thank you.
17:57:31 8 Emma, could you recite the latest lottery
17:57:32 9 numbers, and then we'll take our next speaker.
17:57:39 10 EMMA: 1822, 1914, 1761, 1710, 1823.
17:57:53 11 SPEAKER 17: Thank you for the opportunity to
17:57:54 12 comment this evening. For the record, my name is Mike
17:57:56 13 Bridges. I live at 252 Tanglwood Drive, Longview,
17:57:59 14 Washington, about ten minutes from the proposed site.
17:58:02 15 And I also want to note that I consider myself an
17:58:06 16 environmentalist. I fish and hunt and recreate here

17:58:08 17 in the area, me and my children who are here tonight,
17:58:13 18 every weekend, every day that I can when I'm not
17:58:14 19 working.

17:58:14 20 So I'm here tonight on behalf of
17:58:17 21 Longview/Kelso Building Trades Council representing
17:58:19 22 over 4,000 construction workers that live in Cowlitz
17:58:22 23 and Wahkiakum County. Over the last decade, more and
17:58:25 24 more of our members have had to seek employment
17:58:27 25 outside of our community. Currently 80 percent of our

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17:58:29 1 members are working either in Hillsboro, the
17:58:32 2 refineries up to the north of us or in Montana or
17:58:34 3 Idaho due to the decline of pulp and paper industry
17:58:38 4 and lengthy permitting processes for our local
17:58:38 5 industrial projects.

17:58:41 6 Most of these jobs are jobs we commute to
17:58:44 7 daily. Therefore our members are seeing their
17:58:46 8 families on the weekends or maybe once a month
17:58:49 9 depending on how far away they are from home.

17:58:51 10 It is time to bring our members home and put
17:58:54 11 others in the community to work. We believe that the
17:58:56 12 EIS is very thorough and very complete. We are also
17:59:00 13 excited but not surprised to see that the proposed
17:59:03 14 project by Millennium Bulk Terminal will meet all of
17:59:06 15 Washington's strict environmental rules and standards.

17:59:07 16 Our council believed that over three years
17:59:09 17 ago when we signed a Project Labor Agreement with
17:59:11 18 Millennium to build the project with union workers,
17:59:15 19 opened up opportunities for entry-level positions in
17:59:18 20 the building trades through our state-of-the-art
17:59:18 21 apprenticeship programs.

17:59:21 22 These are opportunities for our local young
17:59:24 23 men and women coming out of high school, our returning
17:59:26 24 veterans through our (inaudible) program, and our
17:59:29 25 displaced workers that have been negatively impacted

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17:59:32 1 by the pulp and paper industry and the timber industry
17:59:34 2 that built and supported this town for generations.

17:59:36 3 I've personally been on site to tour and
17:59:39 4 witness the cleanup and demolition that has taken
17:59:40 5 place over the last three years which has been done by
17:59:42 6 local union contractors that pay family wages. For
17:59:46 7 almost five years now, Millennium has demonstrated
17:59:47 8 they are the community partners that we need.

17:59:49 9 This is the right project being built at the
17:59:51 10 right time by the right people. Thank you.

17:59:55 11 EVENT HOST: Thank you. Just a quick note.
17:59:57 12 It's six p.m. We don't have any public elected or
18:00:00 13 tribal officials signed up. I just want Donna to

18:00:03 14 raise her hand. If we have folks that do show up that
18:00:06 15 would like to sign up for that opportunity, at the
18:00:10 16 seven and eight o'clock hours we will take care of
18:00:12 17 them in order.

18:00:14 18 So we're ready for our next speaker. Thank
18:00:17 19 you.

18:00:17 20 SPEAKER 18: I would like to start by
18:00:22 21 thanking the Corps for completing the Columbia River
18:00:25 22 channel deepening project that makes this and other
18:00:28 23 economic development possible.

18:00:32 24 My name is Mike Lemons. I've lived in Kelso
18:00:33 25 for 36 years, and I've worked in Longview for the last

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18:00:33 1 18.

18:00:38 2 Some of you may have been here a few months
18:00:38 3 ago for the SEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement
18:00:41 4 hearing. I don't want to repeat myself, but my
18:00:44 5 feelings haven't change.

18:00:46 6 Nearly every family in Cowlitz County owes
18:00:50 7 their wellbeing to the jobs created by the industries
18:00:51 8 along the Columbia River. Those industries and jobs
18:00:55 9 have served this community well. I think it's a
18:00:58 10 mistake for some of our friends and neighbors to now
18:01:01 11 oppose this latest industrial project. If you come
18:01:05 12 from outside of the area to protest these jobs,

18:01:08 13 please, for the last time, go home. We the people of
18:01:13 14 Cowlitz County are fully capable of deciding what's
18:01:15 15 best for our community.

18:01:16 16 The opponents want to turn this into a
18:01:23 17 referendum on using coal to make electricity. That
18:01:26 18 argument doesn't belong here. Millennium Bulk simply
18:01:28 19 wants to build a transfer station to move coal from
18:01:32 20 trains to ships.

18:01:34 21 In addition, I would argue you that
18:01:37 22 Millennium Bulk has done more environmental cleanup in
18:01:38 23 the last five years than most of us have in our entire
18:01:44 24 lives. Certainly more than previous tenants did in
18:01:44 25 the 70 years prior.

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18:01:47 1 The NEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement
18:01:50 2 clearly demonstrates that the Millennium export
18:01:52 3 facility will not pollute or hurt our local
18:01:55 4 environment. The people at Millennium have been good
18:01:59 5 stewards of the land and complied with every
18:02:02 6 requirement of their application.

18:02:03 7 The site, which is ideal for this type of
18:02:07 8 facility, has long been underutilized. For 15 years,
18:02:11 9 we've been shouldering the burden of lost jobs and
18:02:11 10 lost tax revenues.

18:02:14 11 It's time to grant the permits and let the
18:02:17 12 people of this community have a chance to prosper.
18:02:20 13 Thank you.

18:02:26 14 SPEAKER 19: My name is Mark Keely. I'm a
18:02:35 15 20-year Kalama, Cowlitz County resident.

18:02:41 16 The DEIS states -- quotes, Coal dust and
18:02:44 17 other forms of particulate matter do not remain in the
18:02:48 18 air indefinitely. Eventually these particles settle
18:02:51 19 out of the air and deposit onto the ground. Coal dust
18:02:55 20 may be deposited directly onto the rail ballast along
18:02:58 21 the rail right-of-way or adjacent areas. Where the
18:03:02 22 coal dust lands, the distance from and the direction
18:03:05 23 from the rail right-of-way depends on the particular
18:03:10 24 matter, wind speed, and other metrological conditions.
18:03:14 25 Human exposure to deposited coal dust may occur by

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18:03:22 1 ingest of soil, sediment, surface water, groundwater,
18:03:27 2 agricultural products, fish, or other animals that may
18:03:31 3 have ingested this in the soil or water contaminated
18:03:33 4 by the coal dust deposit, unquote.

18:03:37 5 The health risk associated with the coal are
18:03:41 6 very high. Coal is a dirty fossil fuel. It contains
18:03:45 7 mercury, arsenic, and lead. Coal dust is associated
18:03:49 8 with chronic bronchitis, emphysema, pulmonary
18:03:55 9 fibrosis, asthma, COPD. Asthma rates in Washington

18:03:58 10 State are ranked among the highest in the nation.
18:04:02 11 Cowlitz County is already ranked the second highest in
18:04:04 12 the state. Those of us who have asthma won't want it
18:04:08 13 and certainly do not want anybody else to have it.
18:04:12 14 Coal pollutants affect all major body organ
18:04:16 15 systems and contributes to four of the leading causes
18:04:18 16 of mortality in the US; heart disease, cancer, stroke,
18:04:22 17 and chronic lower respiratory disease. There is just
18:04:26 18 no way we should have this. There is too much health
18:04:32 19 risk associated with the coal.
18:04:34 20 Common sense says to leave the coal in the
18:04:35 21 ground, and I urge you to take the no-action
18:04:38 22 alternative. Thank you.
18:04:38 23 EVENT HOST: Thank you, sir.
18:04:41 24 We'll move to our next speaker.
18:04:44 25 SPEAKER 20: My name is Jim Squire. I

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18:04:53 1 represent the Boilermakers Local 502 whose
18:04:57 2 jurisdiction is Western Washington and all of Alaska.
18:05:00 3 I serve as the apprenticeship coordinator for our
18:05:04 4 local so we both have our future in mind.
18:05:07 5 They say to know the future, you must look at
18:05:10 6 the past. I've done this for 28 years now, and I've
18:05:16 7 seen how environmental standards have slowly cleaned

18:05:18 8 up the industry. We need to trust our scientific
18:05:24 9 experts and the gentlemen and ladies who drafted this
18:05:30 10 EIS. It's complete, it's valid, it should be
18:05:32 11 accepted, and Millennium needs to move forward. Thank
18:05:35 12 you.

18:05:41 13 SPEAKER 21: Thank you for the opportunity to
18:05:47 14 speak. My name is Phillip Shanto (phonetic). I
18:05:47 15 currently live on (inaudible) Creek.

18:05:52 16 I grew up not in this area. I grew up in
18:05:57 17 Toledo, Ohio on the east side of Toledo next to a coal
18:06:00 18 facility that shipped coal throughout The Great Lakes.
18:06:05 19 It produced and ran through that facility more coal
18:06:09 20 than will be operating out of this facility, and I
18:06:15 21 lived there from birth to 18 years old. My father
18:06:19 22 worked at that facility for 35 years as an
18:06:19 23 electrician.

18:06:25 24 All of the fear mongering that I hear is a
18:06:30 25 lot of hooley. The bottom line is the coal does not

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18:06:34 1 produce a lot of dust on the train, it does not
18:06:37 2 produce dust on the handling. They use different
18:06:43 3 methods to keep that dust to an extreme minimum
18:06:46 4 because allowing a lot of dust can be dangerous in
18:06:50 5 itself, and that dust through explosion actually,
18:06:55 6 which won't happen because they don't allow it.

18:06:57 7 I fish off of those docks. The dust, it just
18:07:03 8 isn't there. We have done a lot of work on this area
18:07:09 9 to recover the salmon. There are other things
18:07:14 10 affecting that recovery. This will not be part of it.

18:07:17 11 I think they should move on with this and all
18:07:20 12 of the studies are greater than anything that I have
18:07:23 13 ever seen.

18:07:24 14 If you want an example, go to the east side
18:07:27 15 of Toledo, Ohio. They've got a facility that's
18:07:31 16 essentially a copy of this one already built, already
18:07:34 17 there, already operating.

18:07:36 18 Thank you very much.

18:07:39 19 EVENT HOST: Thank you. We'll have five
18:07:41 20 additional numbers. And, please, again, if you hear
18:07:43 21 or see that number, you can move forward, check in
18:07:46 22 with Kim and join the lottery cue.

18:07:48 23 EMMA: 1656, 1618, 1929, 1844, 1680.

18:08:01 24 SPEAKER 22: Good evening. My name is
18:08:07 25 Kathleen Patton. I live in Longview. I'm a pastor

18:08:11 1 here in town.

18:08:14 2 Jews and Muslims and Christians tell a
18:08:17 3 creation story in which God keeps making new things
18:08:19 4 and calling everything good.

18:08:23 5 Science also has a great creation story which
18:08:26 6 tells of ongoing creativity and goodness expressed in
18:08:31 7 increasing diversity and complexity of species. The
18:08:38 8 scientific story is also about what is good and this
18:08:39 9 ongoing creation.

18:08:43 10 The billions of single-celled water beings
18:08:45 11 consumed carbon out of the atmosphere so it could
18:08:48 12 sustain life for the more complex oxygen breathers
18:08:53 13 that evolved later. The greatest of these tiny
18:08:55 14 ancestors created coal, oil, and gas in what must be
18:08:58 15 for every living beings sacral burial ground.

18:09:03 16 And now we are undoing ions of creation and
18:09:08 17 decades of consumption; mass extinctions, acidifying
18:09:12 18 oceans, rising sea levels, drought, flood, and
18:09:15 19 wildfire. The time has passed for creating new venues
18:09:19 20 for exploitation of fossil fuels. We can't afford
18:09:21 21 another degree of warming. We are becoming
18:09:26 22 uncreators.

18:09:26 23 I believe this EIS is narrow to the point of
18:09:31 24 irrelevance in the face of the greatest human health
18:09:34 25 disaster ever known which is climate change.

18:09:45 1 SPEAKER 23: Good evening. My name is Rick
18:09:50 2 Von Rock. I live in Kelso. I've been here for about
18:09:50 3 56 years.

18:09:53 4 The reason I'm here is to encourage you to
18:09:55 5 move on with the EIS. It's time to get a finality on
18:09:57 6 it, and I think that's the reason we're all here
18:10:01 7 today.
18:10:01 8 I've heard a number of other things, concerns
18:10:03 9 about coal and how it may affect us. One was on the
18:10:07 10 salmon, how it could be killing the salmon. Well,
18:10:11 11 coal isn't the biggest killer of the salmon, fishermen
18:10:12 12 are. Maybe we should stop fishing. Why not?
18:10:17 13 I've heard of coal dust. This seems to be a
18:10:20 14 problem a lot of people are saying. In our community,
18:10:23 15 we get millions of tons of grain coming into it. Have
18:10:27 16 you ever looked at the dust coming from the grain and
18:10:31 17 how it affects the river? No one seems to be
18:10:36 18 concerned about that, but it's a concern. You're all
18:10:38 19 just looking at coal.
18:10:40 20 And then the greenhouse effects. I heard
18:10:42 21 this is a big problem. Well, what's the biggest maker
18:10:43 22 of greenhouse gases? Cattle. Should we eliminate
18:10:48 23 cattle?
18:10:49 24 We've got to be realistic about what we do
18:10:51 25 and how we do it and how quick we do things. This has

18:10:55 1 been so thoroughly examined inside and out. It's time

18:10:59 2 to move forward, it's time to make a decision, and

18:11:02 3 it's time to get it done. Thank you.

18:11:08 4 SPEAKER 24: My name is Mary Lyons. I'm a

18:11:21 5 resident of Longview, and I'm president of Landowners

18:11:23 6 and Citizens for a Safe Community. We are the local

18:11:26 7 group that is very concerned about improving health

18:11:30 8 and welfare of this community in economically viable

18:11:35 9 ways.

18:11:35 10 In the DEIS, it states, This

18:11:39 11 disproportionately high and adverse effect will be on

18:11:43 12 minority and low-income populations near the terminal.

18:11:47 13 Of the 37,000 residents of Longview, 7,000

18:11:52 14 are school aged and play outdoors. All of our schools

18:11:55 15 are trapped within three miles of the Millennium

18:11:59 16 depot, some as close as one mile. That one-mile

18:12:04 17 school has a large field out in front of it where kids

18:12:09 18 practice soccer on a regular basis, heavy breathing,

18:12:13 19 heavy dust. This is not good for our community.

18:12:16 20 The fact that it's going to be the low-income

18:12:20 21 group that is going to be the most affected is

18:12:24 22 especially cynical to go on with this project.

18:12:27 23 If the privileged children of this community

18:12:30 24 were projected to have disproportionately high adverse

18:12:33 25 effects from this project, we would not even be here

18:12:36 1 today.

18:12:37 2 Jobs bring workers, not necessarily

18:12:41 3 residents. Stand at Industrial Way at five o'clock

18:12:43 4 every day and see the paychecks leaving for homes with

18:12:47 5 better quality of place. The economic decline of this

18:12:51 6 region was because of our overreliance on a buck

18:12:55 7 booming industry. Coal is already crashing, but

18:13:00 8 Wyoming and Montana wants us to pay the price of their

18:13:03 9 risky gamble.

18:13:04 10 We can do better, but not with the defeated

18:13:08 11 leadership that I've heard tonight from some of our

18:13:13 12 elected officials, and I feel the people of this

18:13:16 13 community can develop more sustainable industries than

18:13:19 14 coal that will give us better jobs and better health.

18:13:23 15 Thank you.

18:13:24 16 EVENT HOST: Thank you for your comments.

18:13:26 17 We'll move to our next speaker. You have two

18:13:27 18 minutes, sir.

18:13:30 19 SPEAKER 25: My name is Dan Sobia (phonetic).

18:13:38 20 Earlier I was here and there was a pretty big

18:13:41 21 sea of red. Sea of red reminds me of communism.

18:13:50 22 Communists always lie.

18:13:52 23 I retired from Reynolds. I came here in

18:13:55 24 1963. I started working at Reynolds in '73, and I

18:13:59 25 retired from there. I went back into the plant when

18:14:05 1 it reopened for demo inside the plant. I worked there
18:14:08 2 for two years helping demo the inside of the plant.

18:14:13 3 With that new owner, I almost lost my house.

18:14:19 4 It was really, really close. Millennium came in, they
18:14:21 5 saved my house, they saved my family. I was able to
18:14:27 6 afford my payments because they pay very, very well.

18:14:34 7 What these people are proposing is not --
18:14:38 8 does not pay as well as Millennium does. They are
18:14:44 9 building it right. I have been there through the
18:14:46 10 cleanup, I have seen what they have done. I was there
18:14:50 11 when I retired last year. I have totals of probably
18:14:54 12 41 years.

18:14:57 13 When we were Reynolds, we were a family. It
18:14:59 14 was the greatest place to work. When the new owner
18:15:03 15 came in between Reynolds and Millennium, that's when
18:15:07 16 it all went sour. Millennium came back in, it was
18:15:10 17 just like a family. I was proud to work there and
18:15:16 18 they set me on my way right, they do things right, and
18:15:21 19 they will do this right. Thank you very much.

18:15:27 20 EVENT HOST: Thank you. I'd like to ask
18:15:31 21 again that we all be respectful and non-intimidating
18:15:35 22 and keep the responses in the audience just to the
18:15:39 23 signs.

18:15:40 24 Sir, two minutes.

18:15:42 25 SPEAKER 26: Thank you. Colonel Buck, thank

18:15:43 1 you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

18:15:46 2 I'm quite nervous as I give this testimony

18:15:49 3 because I came planning to highlight that you cannot

18:15:54 4 make this decision in full accordance with the public

18:15:58 5 interest without full review of the cumulative impact

18:16:00 6 of this proposal would have on the global claim

18:16:00 7 assessment.

18:16:04 8 However, listening to the testimony of the

18:16:07 9 native and tribal leaders that we heard earlier today,

18:16:09 10 I decided to change my testimony in order to highlight

18:16:13 11 the voices of the native and tribal leaders that we've

18:16:17 12 already heard.

18:16:21 13 The United States of America is a country

18:16:21 14 that was built upon the genocide and oppression of

18:16:25 15 Native American people. We have heard today from

18:16:31 16 Native American tribal leaders about their opposition

18:16:33 17 to this proposal, and that makes me -- I cannot help

18:16:38 18 but feel that to go against their wishes and their

18:16:43 19 opposition to this and pass this proposal would be to

18:16:46 20 continue the story of genocide that we've seen in this

18:16:50 21 county for centuries. Thank you.

18:16:56 22 EVENT HOST: Emma, if we could, please, get

18:16:58 23 the next five numbers for the lottery, and hold on the

18:16:58 24 next speaker.

18:17:03 25 EMMA: 1591, 1701, 1808, 1818, 1602.

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18:17:15 1 SPEAKER 27: My name is Timothy Luko
18:17:24 2 (phonetic). I'm a resident of Cowlitz County. I've
18:17:24 3 been here my whole life. I live right down the road
18:17:28 4 from Millennium, used to be Reynolds.
18:17:31 5 Everything is the same, it will be the same.
18:17:34 6 With trains coming in, isn't going to be an issue.
18:17:39 7 You know, Millennium has handled their coal sites and
18:17:42 8 have done so for 70-plus years. It's not a broad
18:17:45 9 departure from the current industrial uses. My nerves
18:17:52 10 are getting to me a little bit.
18:17:54 11 You know, saying that it's going to affect
18:17:59 12 the fish runs, it's not going to do any of that.
18:18:02 13 They've done the research. They're not going to
18:18:05 14 affect it. The government is not even going to give
18:18:07 15 us a bat of an eye if it's going to affect the
18:18:11 16 environment as bad as everybody says.
18:18:12 17 There's not going to be any coal dust like
18:18:14 18 everybody said before. The trains go by, you know,
18:18:16 19 I'm an apprentice with Local 26 Pipefitters. I'm in
18:18:21 20 my fifth year now. It's hard to get work for a lot of
18:18:25 21 us. I tried to get in for three years before, there
18:18:28 22 was no work.

18:18:29 23 It's just going to create good jobs. That's
18:18:31 24 all we need in the community. You can't do anything
18:18:34 25 more, you can't ask for anything more. I'd rather

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18:18:38 1 work in town than have to commute out of town and, you
18:18:41 2 know, go work in another local.

18:18:44 3 Let's just -- I think -- I'm for it. It
18:18:48 4 needs to go through, just let it go. That's it.

18:18:53 5 EVENT HOST: If we could get the speakers to
18:18:53 6 drop tickets off with Emma, we'll take our next
18:18:53 7 speaker.

18:18:53 8 Thank you, sir.

18:19:03 9 SPEAKER 28: How's it going? My name is Mike
18:19:06 10 (inaudible). I'm an apprentice for Local 26. I live
18:19:09 11 in Onalaska, Washington in Lewis County.

18:19:13 12 I don't know a tremendous amount about this
18:19:15 13 project, but I know the government is going to watch
18:19:17 14 what's going on, they're going to do their research,
18:19:20 15 scientists are obviously going to do their tests to
18:19:22 16 make sure that it's right.

18:19:24 17 I do know that this community needs industry.
18:19:31 18 If anybody has anything to say negatively about it,
18:19:34 19 they should bring not just like an idea, but they
18:19:38 20 should bring a job or a business that's going to
18:19:41 21 create jobs to the area. That's it.

18:19:49 22 EVENT HOST: Thank you. If you could submit
18:19:52 23 your ticket, we'll have the next speaker come up for
18:19:58 24 your two minutes.
18:19:58 25 SPEAKER 29: Hello. Thank you for having me,

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18:20:03 1 thanks for listening. My name is Jeff Childers. I'm
18:20:05 2 a resident of Cowlitz County. I've lived here since
18:20:10 3 1970, my whole life.

18:20:12 4 I'm an employee at Millennium. It's a very
18:20:15 5 good place to work. They take good care of their
18:20:19 6 employees. No lost time records and accident free
18:20:24 7 times show that it's a good place to work and a safe
18:20:28 8 place to work.

18:20:28 9 I agree with the Army Corps of Engineers'
18:20:33 10 NEPA study, and I think it's thorough, and we should
18:20:37 11 move forward with the project and get us all working
18:20:41 12 permanently. Thank you.

18:20:48 13 SPEAKER 30: Good evening. My name is Don
18:20:55 14 Orange. I'm a small business owner from Vancouver,
18:20:58 15 Washington. I've lived my entire life on one side or
18:21:02 16 the other of the Columbia River close by.

18:21:07 17 I'm in opposition to this plan for a few
18:21:11 18 reasons. Down in Clark County, we opposed putting in
18:21:16 19 a terminal like this because of its effect on our

18:21:22 20 population and our health.

18:21:25 21 We're in route to come up here, this thing

18:21:29 22 snakes along the edge of our county from the east edge

18:21:31 23 to the north end for what's probably 40 miles. I

18:21:36 24 believe it will affect my customers' health, my

18:21:43 25 neighbors' health. As a small business person, we're

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18:21:48 1 part of the community.

18:21:49 2 I need to tell you I've got a couple of

18:21:52 3 godchildren that suffer from asthma, I've got a sister

18:21:57 4 that just passed from cancer, I've got another one

18:22:00 5 that's got it, my wife has just been diagnosed. My

18:22:04 6 brother-in-law, her brother, makes his living driving

18:22:09 7 a coal train for Burlington Northern across the

18:22:15 8 southwest.

18:22:16 9 It's time for us to move on to the 21st

18:22:22 10 century. We can't keep digging this filth out of the

18:22:26 11 Earth and burning it and hoping it won't kill our

18:22:30 12 people. We know it does. We know it kills our

18:22:34 13 planet.

18:22:35 14 Jobs are critically important. I'm an

18:22:38 15 employer. We can't make it without working people.

18:22:44 16 We can't choose some of the filthiest jobs in the

18:22:46 17 world so we can export this coal we won't burn

18:22:49 18 ourselves over to China so that they can burn it and

18:22:52 19 let smoke come back and kill our people.
18:22:58 20 I thank you for your time.
18:22:59 21 EVENT HOST: Thanks for your comment.
18:23:00 22 If you do have a ticket, come get in line.
18:23:02 23 Earl, can you give us five more lottery
18:23:06 24 ticket numbers?
18:23:12 25 EARL: 1841, 1975, 1903, 1913, 1671.

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18:23:34 1 SPEAKER 31: Good evening. My name is Phil
18:23:41 2 Martin. I'm born and raised here in the community.
18:23:44 3 I've got to believe in 3,400 pages of your
18:23:47 4 study, you've got it right. You've looked at
18:23:50 5 everything possible. As far as being here, born and
18:23:54 6 raised, I've seen the community when Reynolds was
18:23:56 7 running, the plants were running locally, the commerce
18:24:01 8 out of the area. We had striving businesses, local
18:24:03 9 shops. Now, today, all I see is secondhand, thrift
18:24:07 10 stores, so on and so forth.
18:24:09 11 Millennium has cleaned up the process out
18:24:11 12 there, they've taken what Reynolds left. They are
18:24:14 13 good people.
18:24:15 14 I just ask that you, please, just do the
18:24:18 15 right thing. Go with your study. Anything is
18:24:18 16 possible.

18:24:23 17 But there is no coal dust. I fish, I fish on
18:24:27 18 the Columbia next to the train tracks. I've never
18:24:31 19 seen coal dust come off the train. I play golf here
18:24:34 20 at Three Rivers. There is no coal dust on the Three
18:24:34 21 Rivers Golf Course.

18:24:37 22 This is stuff you already know. Your study
18:24:42 23 is 3,400 pages, you've looked at everything. Please
18:24:44 24 do the right thing, bring the jobs back to the
18:24:47 25 community for us here in Cowlitz County. I'm not too

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18:24:50 1 worried about the rest of the state, just local.

18:24:52 2 Please do the right thing, support Millennium, go
18:24:56 3 forward with the project.

18:24:58 4 SPEAKER 32: Good evening. My name is
18:25:09 5 Christina Daniels. I'm from Castle Rock, Washington,
18:25:12 6 just 20 minutes north of here. I grew up in Kelso in
18:25:17 7 one of the underprivileged neighborhoods apparently.

18:25:22 8 I'm here in support of this terminal. I've
18:25:26 9 lived here my entire life. I'm going to tell you that
18:25:29 10 I am 45 years old, and I have seen Kelso/Longview area
18:25:35 11 struggle, small businesses, even large businesses
18:25:37 12 struggle. People come here and they leave because the
18:25:41 13 jobs aren't here.

18:25:42 14 I'm also going to tell you that I have a
18:25:45 15 Bachelor's degree in Business Management. If you

18:25:47 16 think that Millennium provides jobs, you're wrong.
18:25:51 17 It's consumers. Consumers are the ones that provide
18:25:55 18 jobs or -- excuse me -- create jobs through the demand
18:25:59 19 of products. And right here in this room on both
18:26:03 20 sides, we demand these products that China is making.
18:26:07 21 So, whether Millennium provides the coal or
18:26:11 22 Indonesia provides the coal or wherever they get their
18:26:15 23 coal from, they're going to produce the products
18:26:16 24 because we're the ones buying them.
18:26:19 25 So I would like to see it come right through

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18:26:22 1 Longview, right through this terminal, provide jobs
18:26:25 2 here. Let it happen here. We so desperately need the
18:26:28 3 jobs. Millennium is doing the right thing, they're an
18:26:32 4 honorable company, and the consumers -- the demand is
18:26:37 5 there otherwise they wouldn't need the coal in China.
18:26:40 6 Until that changes, please let it happen. Thank you.
18:26:51 7 SPEAKER 33: Good evening, Colonel Buck and
18:26:59 8 your team. My name is Trevor Simmons. I currently
18:27:03 9 live in Longview, however, I'm from New Castle,
18:27:07 10 Australia. The home of one of the largest coal export
18:27:09 11 terminals in the world, and I worked there for nearly
18:27:13 12 30 years.
18:27:14 13 You have done a thorough job of looking at

18:27:17 14 the environmental impacts of our project, you've done
18:27:19 15 a thorough job assessing the impacts and have done a
18:27:22 16 thorough job in concluding that the proposed terminal
18:27:25 17 will meet the appropriate environmental and community
18:27:28 18 standards.

18:27:30 19 So what is it like to live in a city that is
18:27:32 20 the home of a coal export terminal? New Castle has
18:27:38 21 had a coal export terminal operating there for more
18:27:39 22 than 40 years. It exports three times the amount of
18:27:44 23 coal proposed for our project. New Castle actually
18:27:50 24 has many similarities to Longview with many
18:27:54 25 port-related activities. Along with these

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18:27:56 1 port-related activities are many port-relied
18:27:59 2 businesses. Business generates business.
18:28:02 3 I know it has been suggested that there are
18:28:04 4 concerns about the health effects of a coal terminal.
18:28:08 5 I worked inside a coal terminal for nearly 30 years.
18:28:11 6 I am the 30-year health study. If there is no
18:28:16 7 damaging health effects working inside the coal
18:28:18 8 terminal, then the effect must be even less away from
18:28:22 9 the coal terminal.

18:28:24 10 New Castle is a city that is more than coal
18:28:27 11 and port-related activities. New Castle is a thriving
18:28:30 12 city full of people, industry, business, schools,

18:28:32 13 colleges, universities, sports, clubs, cafes,

18:28:37 14 restaurants, and a diversity of arts and culture

18:28:39 15 activities.

18:28:40 16 My experience in New Castle leads me to tell

18:28:42 17 you that Longview can be encouraged by Millennium's

18:28:46 18 proposal to build a coal terminal. All the hard work

18:28:54 19 has been done in preparing the EIS.

18:28:57 20 I now encourage you to publish the final

18:29:01 21 document in a timely manner. Thank you.

18:29:06 22 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

18:29:10 23 SPEAKER 34: Hello. My name is Jan Mitchell,

18:29:16 24 and I live in Astoria, Oregon.

18:29:18 25 My career was spent as a planner for a city

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18:29:21 1 of 400,000 with two busy rail corridors. In that

18:29:25 2 capacity, I was responsible for what was required for

18:29:30 3 environmental analysis and compliance.

18:29:31 4 The DEIS which the Corps is putting forth

18:29:34 5 would not rise to the level of acceptability where I

18:29:37 6 worked as it does not fully address either the scope

18:29:40 7 of the proposed project or therefore its environmental

18:29:48 8 impacts and consequences. It's a bit like describing

18:29:49 9 a giant by only looking at its footprint.

18:29:52 10 We who live at the edge of the Columbia River

18:29:52 11 Estuary can't ignore all that happens upstream. It
18:29:58 12 affects the health of the river and all that lives in
18:30:01 13 and around it. This project contradicts the years of
18:30:04 14 working to restore salmon habitat.

18:30:08 15 Coal dust has already been found along rail
18:30:09 16 corridors along the Columbia to the east. Its effects
18:30:12 17 will be unavoidable as those trains travel through our
18:30:12 18 state.

18:30:16 19 We drive through Longview on our way to go to
18:30:20 20 Portland and Seattle. Your draft study downplays the
18:30:22 21 very real conflict between service traffic going
18:30:25 22 through the industrial area and coal trains. It does
18:30:28 23 not address the cost of separating that traffic or the
18:30:30 24 air quality effects of traffic delay.

18:30:35 25 Increasing the total gate time of over two

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18:30:37 1 hours on a busy state highway is significant and
18:30:40 2 unavoidable as says the State's analysis, a conflict
18:30:43 3 which you have avoided to address.

18:30:46 4 This is far too significant a project to give
18:30:51 5 it only a cursory environmental review that
18:30:51 6 surprisingly confines the study to a narrow and, may I
18:30:56 7 say, proponent to the study area. As written, it
18:31:00 8 obscures this nature environmental challenge facing
18:31:01 9 the Columbia River and it's associated cities and

18:31:05 10 populous for this project which benefits our river not

18:31:09 11 at all.

18:31:10 12 I urge you to return to your analysis and do

18:31:13 13 completed work which looks at the entire project and

18:31:17 14 its impacts. As it stands, it is inadequate and not

18:31:19 15 befitting a federal agency with the resources to do

18:31:23 16 the job the right way.

18:31:25 17 EVENT HOST: Thank you. We appreciate your

18:31:25 18 comments.

18:31:28 19 We'll take our next speaker and, if you

18:31:30 20 would, go ahead and call five more numbers, Emma, and

18:31:32 21 we'll hold onto the speaker until then.

18:31:34 22 EMMA: 1989, 1828, 1988, 2009, 1864.

18:31:48 23 SPEAKER 35: Hi. William Gray, a retired

18:31:53 24 professional engineer with a 35-year career in the

18:31:57 25 energy business. I live in Vancouver, Washington less

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18:32:00 1 than half a mile from the tracks.

18:32:02 2 I submitted 105 comments on the SEPA DEIS and

18:32:07 3 found it to be out of line with the Pacific

18:32:11 4 Northwest's values of clean air, clean water, and a

18:32:14 5 great place to live.

18:32:16 6 I am disappointed in the shortsighted review

18:32:20 7 of the NEPA DEIS document that has 100 megabytes of

18:32:26 8 data and 28 files, which is less than half of the SEPA
18:32:32 9 DEIS document at 218 megabytes of data and 49 files.
18:32:38 10 The National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA,
18:32:41 11 is a United States environmental law the promotes the
18:32:47 12 environment. The law was enacted in 1970. The State
18:32:55 13 Environmental Policy Act, SEPA, enacted by the
18:32:57 14 Washington Legislature in 1971 helps state and local
18:33:02 15 agencies identify possible environmental impacts that
18:33:05 16 could result from governmental decisions.

18:33:09 17 With the same contractor doing both
18:33:13 18 documents, it is the fault of the USA that the NEPA
18:33:17 19 document does not cover from the coal mine all the way
18:33:20 20 to the Pacific Ocean and, to some extent, to the final
18:33:26 21 burner tip in the Asian markets.

18:33:29 22 I support the no-action alternative for this
18:33:33 23 project. Thank you.

18:33:41 24 SPEAKER 36: Hello. My name is Kevin Fenwick
18:33:49 25 (phonetic). I live in King County, Washington.

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18:33:51 1 Over the last three years, I have worked in
18:33:54 2 public outreach for Public Interest Research Group,
18:33:54 3 Environment Washington, Washington Conservationist
18:33:58 4 Voters, as well as volunteering with Sierra Club 350,
18:34:01 5 and Washington Environmental Council.

18:34:03 6 So I have come to ask the US Corps of

18:34:09 7 Engineers to deny the permit of this coal export
18:34:12 8 terminal as I personally believe that there are many
18:34:14 9 clear and obvious reasons to do so. But, since we're
18:34:16 10 here to ask whether or not this DEIS has been drawn
18:34:21 11 efficiently and whether this draft or any could
18:34:24 12 validate the action of permitting this project, I'm
18:34:27 13 here to say that there is clear evidence to suggest
18:34:29 14 that the answer to both of these questions is no.

18:34:31 15 So, as mentioned already in many other public
18:34:34 16 comments, the DEIS fails to consider the full effects
18:34:36 17 of greenhouse gas emissions produced by the entire
18:34:39 18 lifecycle of the coal that the Millennium Bulk
18:34:42 19 Terminal would handle and ultimately export.
18:34:44 20 Twenty-seven million tons of carbon dioxide emissions
18:34:47 21 per year as a result of exporting and burning this
18:34:50 22 coal belongs to a era that leaves our children and
18:34:52 23 future generations with nothing but absolutely
18:34:54 24 catastrophic climate chaos that will ultimately leave
18:34:57 25 the Earth to be uninhabitable of human life.

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18:35:01 1 I want to quote Millennium Bulk's own CEO,
18:35:07 2 Bill Chapman. Facts matter, and we won't be deceived
18:35:09 3 by people who refuse to listen to facts.
18:35:12 4 We couldn't agree more, Bill. Climate change

18:35:15 5 is real, and we're not going accept a DEIS that
18:35:18 6 ignores the most relevant fact in human life. Thanks.
18:35:25 7 SPEAKER 37: I'm Charlotte Persons. I live
18:35:35 8 in Kelso, Washington. I'm reading this statement from
18:35:41 9 Daryl Whipple who has lived over 40 years in Ranier,
18:35:42 10 Oregon and had to leave the hearing early during
18:35:46 11 daylight to do a task at his family's tree farm near
18:35:46 12 Ranier.
18:35:51 13 He states, I am very disappointed with the
18:35:55 14 scope of the Corps' study as it wrote off significant
18:35:58 15 impacts from the outset such as rail transport through
18:36:03 16 the Gorge and the climate impacts of all of that coal
18:36:06 17 being burned when it gets to Asia.
18:36:07 18 If you put on blinders and pretend that all
18:36:10 19 you have to consider are the impacts you have on the
18:36:13 20 terminal property and nearby environment, then you do
18:36:16 21 an injustice to the region and insult the intelligence
18:36:20 22 of people paying attention to current events.
18:36:23 23 We know that burning coal emits far more
18:36:26 24 carbon dioxide than any other fuel making coal the
18:36:31 25 chief culprit wrecking the global climate for us and

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18:36:35 1 our children. Climate change is the challenge of our
18:36:39 2 time. The urgency is upon us to stop use of coal as
18:36:43 3 soon as possible and phase out oil and gas over the

18:36:47 4 next two decades. That means no new fossil fuel
18:36:52 5 infrastructure such as the Millennium terminal. The
18:36:55 6 new renewable energy economy is what will maximize our
18:37:00 7 investments, our jobs, our health, and our prosperity.

18:37:04 8 Do we have the wisdom and the courage to
18:37:06 9 break free and create a better future? Denying
18:37:10 10 Millennium is a fitting first step.

18:37:18 11 SPEAKER 38: Good evening. My name is Mike
18:37:26 12 Parker. I live on 36th Avenue in Longview just a few
18:37:28 13 blocks from the Bulk Millennium Terminal, and I am
18:37:32 14 excited. This will do great things for this
18:37:36 15 community.

18:37:36 16 I moved here 30 years ago. I grew up and was
18:37:40 17 raised in the Seattle area. I watched the downfall of
18:37:44 18 things up there. Go to Seattle and look at the amount
18:37:47 19 of congestion and the problems and the filth that we
18:37:51 20 have up there. I grew up in a time when I saw that we
18:37:54 21 were not very good stewards of this Earth, and I saw
18:37:57 22 that we had to start programs to clean up the litter
18:38:01 23 along our highways and things, and we had to change
18:38:04 24 the industries.

18:38:05 25 I remember driving through Tacoma and the

18:38:08 1 smelters that were there and the filth that was around

18:38:10 2 and was cleaned up and we learned to do better and
18:38:14 3 technology improved. I know we have the technology
18:38:16 4 today.

18:38:19 5 I also know that, as a small business owner,
18:38:24 6 and at the height of my business I had 16 employees.
18:38:28 7 I'm down to just myself at this time because things
18:38:31 8 have been dwindling around Cowlitz County and the
18:38:34 9 area.

18:38:35 10 To the comments of the people from Oregon and
18:38:38 11 downriver, if you're worried about the salmon habitat,
18:38:43 12 et cetera, then you should be worried about the sea
18:38:45 13 lions and the seals and the decimation that they have
18:38:48 14 had on our marine life down there.

18:38:50 15 I have a brother that works and lives in
18:38:52 16 Astoria, and he wears not only earplugs but earmuffs
18:38:56 17 on top of it because of the ruckus that the sea lions
18:38:58 18 create down there and the problems and the filth that
18:39:01 19 is generated from them.

18:39:03 20 I'd like to read a short little quote here
18:39:07 21 that I hope we will all remember. This is from Julius
18:39:13 22 Cesar, Act four, Scene three, and it is Brutus that is
18:39:15 23 speaking.

18:39:15 24 And he said, There is a time in the affairs
18:39:18 25 of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune.

18:39:23 1 Omit it, all the voyage of their life is bound in the
18:39:26 2 shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea, we are
18:39:30 3 now afloat, and we must take the current when it
18:39:33 4 serves or lose our ventures. Thank you.

18:39:38 5 EVENT HOST: We'll take our next speaker.

18:39:40 6 Please drop off your ticket, and you'll have
18:39:43 7 two minutes.

18:39:45 8 SPEAKER 39: My name is Lori Black. I'm a
18:39:50 9 resident here in Longview, Washington.

18:39:52 10 This is a project that is easy to support
18:39:55 11 because it will benefit families both within and
18:39:59 12 outside its Southwest Washington location.

18:40:03 13 The project puts in a path to support
18:40:07 14 employment for many, so let's make it happen. Thank
18:40:10 15 you.

18:40:19 16 EVENT HOST: If we could draw five more
18:40:25 17 lottery ticket numbers, and then we'll get to our next
18:40:25 18 speaker. Thank you.

18:40:25 19 We're going on the seven o'clock hour. I
18:40:29 20 think we'll have a quick stretching break. Just out
18:40:32 21 of curiosity, I know most folks are getting an
18:40:35 22 opportunity to speak.

18:40:36 23 How many folks have tickets and are planning
18:40:38 24 to speak tonight? Just a show of hands.

18:40:42 25 Great. We'll keep our process going. It

18:40:45 1 looks like we'll have plenty of time.

18:40:45 2 Emma.

18:40:49 3 EMMA: 1899, 1851, 1776, 1759, 1681.

18:41:09 4 SPEAKER 40: Hello. Jeff Bauer, I live in

18:41:09 5 Kelso.

18:41:20 6 I drive every day back and forth to Portland

18:41:23 7 with thousands of other people because there is no

18:41:26 8 jobs here in Cowlitz County. I support the Millennium

18:41:26 9 Bulk Terminal.

18:41:31 10 And walking through the parking lot, I saw a

18:41:35 11 lot of Priuses with Oregon plates. Let's not have

18:41:41 12 people that don't even live in our county tell us what

18:41:45 13 we can do with our jobs. We can't all work for the

18:41:50 14 pot shops and most of us don't want to. Thanks.

18:42:02 15 SPEAKER 41: Hi. My name is Jack

18:42:08 16 (inaudible). I moved here recently, but I grew up in

18:42:11 17 Illinois. And I think at least three schools that I

18:42:16 18 went to was within one mile of coal hills. I mean,

18:42:21 19 they were in our basements. My grandma, my grandpa,

18:42:26 20 everybody had coal. I played with it under the bed,

18:42:30 21 climbed all over it. I've never known nobody in my

18:42:32 22 family that ever be sick from anything from that, and

18:42:35 23 I appreciate the jobs that are coming here.

18:42:37 24 And also I know that alcoholism is really bad

18:42:42 25 in my family. Nothing never happened with coal. And

18:42:45 1 I want to bring attention to two movies that really, I
18:42:50 2 think, shine light on this subject. One is an
18:42:52 3 American movie. It's called October Sky, and one of
18:42:59 4 our famous scientists -- it was kind of like a
18:43:04 5 bio-documentary about one of the NASA scientists.
18:43:06 6 Also another movie from Russia, it's called Pit Number
18:43:10 7 Eight. Those people lived with coal, they breathed
18:43:13 8 it, and they've never had any problems. They're
18:43:18 9 shutting jobs down over there even. It's an
18:43:19 10 independent film, Pit Number Eight. Thank you.

18:43:24 11 EVENT HOST: Thank you. Our next speaker.

18:43:27 12 SPEAKER 42: Good evening. It's been a long
18:43:35 13 day for all of us, but I want to thank you very much
18:43:37 14 for being here and the work that you've done so far,
18:43:41 15 but please don't stop working because I think you need
18:43:43 16 to broaden the scope.

18:43:45 17 While here, I've heard a lot of truth and,
18:43:49 18 from experience -- I'm a great grandmother, seven
18:43:56 19 sons, ages 37 to 60, a great grandmother of 12.

18:44:01 20 I want to support the native tribes. How I
18:44:06 21 know what they're saying is true is I've volunteered
18:44:10 22 with a blood center to go out with the National Bone
18:44:17 23 Marrow Registry to have drives in the ethnic
18:44:20 24 communities where there's a shortage of representation

18:44:24 25 where they're dying because of cancers, and I'm

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18:44:28 1 talking about children.

18:44:29 2 I particularly went for a child who at six

18:44:31 3 months was diagnosed with leukemia. And I also want

18:44:36 4 to speak from personal experience. I have a

18:44:40 5 background in nursing. My husband died of cancer. He

18:44:43 6 worked on the Crowley Tug, and I want to thank that

18:44:47 7 woman that was here from Crowley because they came up

18:44:50 8 with the first mops to clean up oil spills. They're

18:44:56 9 very responsible. But, for them to come out and ask

18:44:58 10 you to hold action on this pulls a lot of weight in my

18:45:01 11 book and all the families that work on the tugs.

18:45:05 12 My son is a marine engineer, my youngest son,

18:45:10 13 and I've also lost children at 37 to brain cancers and

18:45:14 14 breast cancers, and I just lost a daughter-in-law to

18:45:18 15 breast cancer. She lived in North Dakota. It's all

18:45:24 16 interconnected just as the water and the Earth and we,

18:45:28 17 as human beings, are connected. This is a living

18:45:32 18 planet and it's our job to keep it living.

18:45:34 19 And, just as (inaudible) in the orca pod was

18:45:38 20 104, I would like to live to 104 and hopefully our

18:45:43 21 children will live to 150.

18:45:46 22 EVENT HOST: Your time is up. Thank you.

18:45:46 23 Next speaker.

18:45:55 24 SPEAKER 43: Good evening. My name is Mike

18:45:58 25 Gilmore. I'm a Washington State resident. I live in

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18:45:58 1 Seattle but I'm reading a statement from Joel Stone

18:46:05 2 from IBEW Local 48, a citizen of Longview.

18:46:08 3 Joel writes, I have been a member of this

18:46:10 4 community for 50 years. I have seen the decline of

18:46:13 5 family-wage jobs, both the impact of the economic

18:46:18 6 viability of this city and the exodus of our children

18:46:20 7 to support their families. I keep seeing the signs

18:46:23 8 saying we can do better. When? Is this town going to

18:46:26 9 have to resemble Flint, Michigan? We all know no one

18:46:30 10 wants to invest there. We want people to invest in

18:46:30 11 Longview.

18:46:34 12 When I started my employment in the

18:46:35 13 electrical trade in 1996, I worked here in the

18:46:38 14 community almost exclusively. Now I frequently

18:46:42 15 commute 90 minutes or have to pay to make a living

18:46:45 16 staying out of town. This is not conducive to the

18:46:49 17 good, stable family life that I envisioned for my

18:46:49 18 family.

18:46:52 19 The opponents of this project cite greenhouse

18:46:54 20 gases as one concern. What they fail to realize is

18:46:58 21 that one form of air pollution isn't better than

18:46:59 22 another. Every time they get in their cars and drive
18:47:03 23 150 miles to oppose job creation in this community,
18:47:07 24 they add to the problem. There are ways to mitigate
18:47:12 25 most environmental impacts on all industries, from

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18:47:14 1 coal to internal combustion engines. The fact is
18:47:19 2 everything we do leaves an environmental impact,
18:47:20 3 cooking, washing dishes, et cetera.

18:47:21 4 If you trust the government's assertion that
18:47:23 5 global warming is a crisis, why do you drive a car at
18:47:26 6 all? Why can't you trust the government to
18:47:26 7 (inaudible)?

18:47:29 8 I see a majority in the red are in favor of
18:47:37 9 practices which are far more damaging to our
18:47:39 10 environment than shipping a mineral overseas when
18:47:44 11 technology is able to sustain the energy needs of coal
18:47:46 12 that will become obsolete just as electricity has made
18:47:50 13 kerosene lanterns.

18:47:51 14 This nation loses jobs in the tens of
18:47:53 15 thousands every year, our debt is staggering. This is
18:47:56 16 one way to reduce that debt and keep jobs at home.
18:48:00 17 Thank you.

18:48:01 18 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

18:48:02 19 SPEAKER 44: Good evening. I'm Herb Cronin,

18:48:02 20 State Legislative Director of Smart Transportation
18:48:12 21 Division. I represent over 2,000 railroad workers
18:48:15 22 across the state including employees at the Longview
18:48:15 23 Switching Company on the Columbia and Cowlitz
18:48:15 24 Railroad.
18:48:21 25 Earlier this year, over 100,000 members

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18:48:24 1 across our nation were unemployed, unable to support
18:48:27 2 their families while for over five years this project
18:48:32 3 has languished. No other project in the history of
18:48:34 4 our state has undergone this extreme level of scrutiny
18:48:37 5 that Millennium has been subjected to.

18:48:39 6 This is a simple choice. Actually, we export
18:48:43 7 an absolutely legal energy commodity or we export our
18:48:48 8 middle-class American jobs along with the commodity.

18:48:53 9 Unfortunately just 11 days ago the Decker
18:48:57 10 Mine announced it will export Montana coal from
18:49:01 11 Vancouver using Canadian railroads. The exportation
18:49:04 12 of middle-class American jobs along with the commodity
18:49:05 13 has now begun because of delays, while we Americans
18:49:11 14 lose our livelihoods.

18:49:14 15 The real controversy of this project centers
18:49:15 16 on the export and use of fossil fuels and global
18:49:20 17 warming. We're all responsible for global warming.
18:49:21 18 Many here today are using cell phones, laptops, and

18:49:25 19 electronic devices all made in factories burning
18:49:28 20 fossil fuels. Even our bicycles are made in Asian
18:49:30 21 factories using coal-generated power. All of our
18:49:35 22 possessions, food, manufactured goods are shipped by
18:49:37 23 ships, trains, planes, and trucks using fossil fuels.
18:49:40 24 It's outright hypocrisy for opponents to claim a false
18:49:44 25 moral high ground while benefiting from coal energy

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18:49:49 1 and fossil fuel consumption. No one is without guilt.

18:49:52 2 Opposition to these exports is a form of
18:49:56 3 radical environmental economic imperialism denying
18:49:57 4 people from emerging nations the ability to improve
18:50:02 5 their lives while we enjoy modern conveniences.

18:50:03 6 We cannot solve this global problem at the
18:50:05 7 local level. Instead of vilifying commodities and
18:50:09 8 each other, let's get it built.

18:50:11 9 And, Corps, thank you so much for all of your
18:50:13 10 hard work on the project.

18:50:14 11 EVENT HOST: Thank you sir.

18:50:19 12 So, if you have a number that's been called
18:50:21 13 or is listed, if you could come forward.

18:50:23 14 We'll have our next speaker, and we're
18:50:25 15 getting ready for just a quick stretch at seven, and
18:50:28 16 then well move on to nine o'clock.

18:50:28 17 Ma'am.

18:50:29 18 SPEAKER 45: My name is Susan Lee Schwartz,

18:50:31 19 and I'm from Longview, Washington.

18:50:34 20 And I have question to be asked with the DEIS

18:50:39 21 study.

18:50:39 22 What about the impacts of 1,700 more ships

18:50:45 23 per year on the Columbia River coming and going? And

18:50:48 24 I think that your study is inadequate.

18:50:53 25 Ask about health impacts of asthma, eyes, and

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18:50:55 1 cancer, some of the health problems that we do

18:51:01 2 encounter because of coal.

18:51:02 3 What about diesel pollution on the health of

18:51:06 4 people?

18:51:08 5 What does coal have to do with air and water

18:51:08 6 pollution?

18:51:12 7 So you need to really look into that.

18:51:15 8 What is the impact of the trains coming and

18:51:18 9 going to the site?

18:51:19 10 And, as you've heard earlier about what

18:51:23 11 happens with Weyerhaeuser, that bothers me a lot

18:51:26 12 because those are good paying jobs at Weyerhaeuser,

18:51:29 13 and we need to not have them interrupted by this train

18:51:35 14 terminal.

18:51:36 15 These questions must be required to be asked

18:51:37 16 by the DEIS Army Corps of Engineers' study. Please do

18:51:43 17 no-action alternative. Thank you so much.

18:51:49 18 SPEAKER 46: Hello. Thanks for letting me

18:52:00 19 speak.

18:52:01 20 For all those who believe that the government

18:52:04 21 will protect us from (inaudible), remember (inaudible)

18:52:09 22 for all those who trust Millennium, remember how 5.7

18:52:14 23 million tons per year of coal went to 60 million tons

18:52:16 24 per year.

18:52:19 25 Reynolds was okay and permitted at one time.

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18:52:21 1 The only thing different is the information known at

18:52:24 2 that time. Who is to say this is going to be

18:52:26 3 different?

18:52:27 4 This coal terminal is the kind of plan that

18:52:30 5 is in the days gone by when we didn't care about our

18:52:33 6 planet due to no information or misinformation of what

18:52:33 7 we were doing to our world.

18:52:37 8 We all want jobs. It's just the type of jobs

18:52:40 9 that differs us. There are other places in the world

18:52:44 10 who still believes in jobs and work are more important

18:52:47 11 than environment and health is China. China has

18:52:50 12 boatloads of jobs and plenty of work but at what cost?

18:52:53 13 There are numerous death and sicknesses from

18:52:56 14 toxic emissions from manufacturing plants there. I
18:53:00 15 have a cousin who lived in China and had a thriving
18:53:03 16 business recently moved back to America to start a
18:53:05 17 family because he was so concerned about what the
18:53:09 18 pollution would do to his kids. He sold his
18:53:12 19 multimillion dollar company and moved back.

18:53:14 20 If jobs are more important than quality of
18:53:17 21 life, move there. If destroying our environment than
18:53:21 22 preserving it, you have an another country that
18:53:24 23 believes the way that you do. Thank you.

18:53:26 24 EVENT HOST: Thank you. If we could get five
18:53:31 25 more lottery draws, and we'll prepare for our next

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18:53:33 1 speaker.

18:53:39 2 SPEAKER 47: Hello. My name is Hayden
18:53:42 3 Dahlquist. I'm 12 years old and I live in Klickitat
18:53:42 4 County.

18:53:45 5 I understand that money is fundamental in
18:53:49 6 order to have prosperous families, prosperous schools,
18:53:49 7 and prosperous towns. Jobs are important.

18:53:53 8 However, the number of flaws and invalid
18:53:55 9 assumptions in the EIS market analysis that result in
18:54:00 10 significant understatements of the general impacts.

18:54:04 11 The EIS assumes that exporting coal will
18:54:06 12 drive up domestic coal prices and reduce consumption,

18:54:09 13 but few economists think that is the case. Being a
18:54:13 14 boom or bust commodity, coal is (inaudible) that it
18:54:16 15 will boost economy. In reality, it gives jobs to
18:54:20 16 people, peaks the price of economy, then dramatically
18:54:24 17 declines to devastate towns and communities.

18:54:25 18 The DEIS does not take into account that coal
18:54:28 19 in the economy is unstable and dependent on a resource
18:54:31 20 whose markets are unreliable. This is not an isolated
18:54:36 21 incident, but it has occurred repeatedly in
18:54:42 22 Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Ohio, Kentucky, and West
18:54:43 23 Virginia.

18:54:44 24 Yes, in the short term, it will bring jobs to
18:54:49 25 Longview but, in the long term, it will devastate

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18:54:52 1 Longview's economy. My future and your children's
18:54:54 2 future are at risk with proposals like this Longview
18:54:57 3 terminal. I'm currently learning about how uploading
18:55:00 4 my personal responsibility creates a stronger
18:55:04 5 community in the future. You have a chance to see how
18:55:07 6 your personal actions affect your community's future.
18:55:11 7 It may seem like a good short-term gain, but this
18:55:14 8 terminal will eventually destroy this community and
18:55:18 9 everything is touches.
18:55:19 10 The future is the planet. If we keep

18:55:21 11 utilizing the plant like we are, there won't be a
18:55:23 12 planet to live on, there won't be any jobs to have,
18:55:26 13 there won't be any money to gain. Some day the Earth
18:55:30 14 will weep, she will beg for her life, and she will cry
18:55:32 15 through the blood, and you will have to make a choice
18:55:34 16 whether you will help her or let her die. And, once
18:55:39 17 she dies, you too will die.

18:55:40 18 Please be responsible with my future. Thank
18:55:40 19 you.

18:55:43 20 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

18:55:46 21 Additional lottery numbers, Emma.

18:55:48 22 EMMA: 1730, 1974, 1797, 1984, 1992.

18:56:06 23 SPEAKER 48: Thank you. My name is Bob
18:56:11 24 Stewart. I'm a resident of Clark County. I do work
18:56:11 25 at Millennium Bulk Terminal.

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18:56:16 1 I do have a granddaughter that's older than
18:56:19 2 that young fellow up here, and I have 18 more behind
18:56:23 3 her. Some of those children hope to work at
18:56:29 4 Millennium in the future to come, and I totally
18:56:32 5 believe that Millennium has done everything possible
18:56:35 6 in its entirety to make sure that this facility is a
18:56:39 7 true steward of the community.

18:56:43 8 It's of great concern to the environment I'm
18:56:46 9 hearing, Millennium's proposed Longview coal export

18:56:49 10 project. Steps have been taken to strike a balance

18:56:52 11 between environmental and economic concern.

18:56:55 12 This project is an example how ports should

18:56:59 13 be developed. I would like to see it move forward

18:57:03 14 without delay. Thank you.

18:57:06 15 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

18:57:07 16 Next speaker.

18:57:09 17 SPEAKER 49: Hi. My name is Dixie Bailey,

18:57:14 18 and I'm a resident of Longview, Washington.

18:57:16 19 I'm here today to express my support of the

18:57:20 20 DEIS. The study was thorough and it's time to get

18:57:22 21 Millennium Bulk Terminal's project off the ground and

18:57:24 22 under construction.

18:57:25 23 We need the jobs this terminal will provide,

18:57:27 24 and we have waited long enough. Thank you.

18:57:32 25 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

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18:57:33 1 It's just about seven o'clock straight up. I

18:57:36 2 think we're about halfway through our second

18:57:40 3 intermission of the day. Let's make it a one-minute,

18:57:43 4 stretch, and then we'll bring the room back to order.

18:57:47 5 Just one-minute break to stand up and get the blood

18:57:48 6 moving, and we'll get back to session.

18:57:52 7 (A recess was taken from 6:58 p.m. to

18:57:52 8 7:01 p.m.)
19:01:20 9 EVENT HOST: I hope that we have the majority
19:01:24 10 of you who wish to speak in the room and attentive.
19:01:26 11 When we get diminishing returns on the lottery system,
19:01:28 12 we often allow all that want to speak to speak to fill
19:01:33 13 out the remainder of our time. So now's the time for
19:01:36 14 a show of hands, those that are here with a lottery
19:01:39 15 ticket that would like to speak and have not.
19:01:42 16 Can you help me out, Kim? It looks like we
19:01:46 17 might have 20 hands up. Hold them up high.
19:01:50 18 And those with or without a lottery ticket
19:01:51 19 that would like to speak tonight?
19:01:53 20 Are we counting 20, 25? Thirteen.
19:01:58 21 All right. I have the permission of the
19:02:00 22 Corps to suspend the lottery process. If you would
19:02:02 23 like to speak, please come to the first two rows in
19:02:06 24 the front left area and check in with Kim. Everyone
19:02:09 25 will have a chance to speak. We would like you to

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19:02:12 1 speak and be heard once at the hearing between this
19:02:14 2 afternoon and this evening. We should have time to
19:02:17 3 get through everyone. Thank you.
19:02:19 4 Our next speaker will have two minutes.
19:02:23 5 SPEAKER 50: Thank you. This weekend Chinese
19:02:33 6 leaders called the stop of construction on 30 large

19:02:39 7 coal-fired thermoelectric power plants totaling 17
19:02:40 8 gigawatts and an additional 30 major coal projects and
19:02:43 9 long-distance transmission lines. This stops work on
19:02:45 10 the equivalent of coal fire capacity of all of the UK
19:02:49 11 and Spain combined. This is after China's calculation
19:02:53 12 in April of another 100 gigawatts of coal projects in
19:02:57 13 the permitting stage. Recently India also shelved
19:03:02 14 plans for one billion tons of coal. B as in big, bad,
19:03:02 15 bomb, and bust.

19:03:03 16 This weekend China also closed some major
19:03:06 17 coal mines, weakening Chinese labor and cooping or
19:03:10 18 weakening Chinese environmentalists for stalling
19:03:14 19 potential revolution. China also recently banned all
19:03:16 20 coal from North Korea in retaliation for their nuclear
19:03:16 21 pact.

19:03:19 22 Chinese leaders told American and joint
19:03:20 23 leaders to stop our military drills off their coast
19:03:23 24 and in disputed waters or else lose sales of American
19:03:28 25 and Canadian coal, oil, and gas, as well as increased

19:03:30 1 surveillance and digital retaliation.

19:03:34 2 In January, China tanked the global oil
19:03:35 3 market and related stock markets, and they've promised
19:03:38 4 to do far worse with our coal. They can destroy us

19:03:42 5 and then make the US military economic power
19:03:42 6 irrelevant.

19:03:49 7 China's policy is no new coal projects and
19:03:51 8 construction. They already have enough coal for what
19:03:54 9 they have, speed up retirement of old and indigent
19:03:56 10 coal plants replaced for efficiency and lower coal use
19:04:01 11 emphasized. China's independence is sustainability
19:04:03 12 and Chinese export. They are the world's leader in
19:04:07 13 wind turbines and solar panels.

19:04:10 14 By doing this, they lower the profits of coal
19:04:15 15 worldwide. By reducing the profits, they also
19:04:17 16 increase their power over the United States, they gain
19:04:22 17 internal face, and they weaken US, Canadian,
19:04:22 18 Australian, North Korean, Indonesian, Russian, and
19:04:28 19 Indian, and Pakistan coal. So we must give them more
19:04:30 20 concessions and bribes as they gain more internal
19:04:33 21 loyalty.

19:04:34 22 They're not going to change their minds. Let
19:04:36 23 us change ours.

19:04:37 24 EVENT HOST: We'll move to our next speaker.

19:04:39 25 SPEAKER 51: Hi. My name is Cheryl

19:04:47 1 (inaudible), and I live in Clackamas County, and I
19:04:49 2 work here at Millennium Bulk Terminal, and I thank you
19:04:52 3 guys for taking time to have this process.

19:04:52 4 Millennium Bulk Terminal has developed a coal
19:04:58 5 terminal in Longview that is both environmentally
19:04:59 6 sound and economically beneficial. They have worked
19:05:03 7 hard in the last five years to clean up the site.

19:05:06 8 I ask that you approve this project and
19:05:10 9 without delay. Thank you.

19:05:13 10 SPEAKER 52: Hi. My name is Josh Carter. I
19:05:23 11 live here in Longview.

19:05:25 12 I kind of have a unique perspective on this
19:05:28 13 issue because I'm from Kansas where a big portion of
19:05:31 14 commodity movement is represented by coal. I lived in
19:05:34 15 a city that actually didn't have a coal terminal in it
19:05:38 16 but it was along the path. So the rail lines went
19:05:41 17 through our city and forced us in that time to do two
19:05:43 18 rail upgrades that we couldn't afford.

19:05:45 19 So, when I look at this project, that's
19:05:48 20 something that comes to mind is the rail upgrades. I
19:05:51 21 have personally experienced sitting behind a train for
19:05:53 22 20 minutes while they go backwards and forwards,
19:05:54 23 backwards and forwards. And so I know that, you know,
19:05:58 24 if a train is traveling at 28 feet per second and it's
19:06:01 25 a mile and a half, it will get by you in four minutes,

19:06:04 1 but four minutes is a long time for an ambulance to

19:06:07 2 sit and it's a long time to sit on a hot day.

19:06:11 3 One more thing that I'd also like to say is

19:06:11 4 that someone made the point that anyone who argues

19:06:14 5 against the coal terminal is hypocritical because we

19:06:19 6 use cell phones and all of these things, but we're not

19:06:22 7 just voting based on -- we're not just giving our

19:06:24 8 testimony based on, you know, based on that point

19:06:29 9 alone. We're also talking about economic feasibility

19:06:31 10 and things that are much up and above just like its

19:06:35 11 impact on our environment.

19:06:37 12 So I would like you to consider that as you

19:06:39 13 go forward. Thank you.

19:06:42 14 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

19:06:43 15 For anybody that was not in the room as we

19:06:45 16 reconvened at seven, just in order to be efficient and

19:06:51 17 to let everybody have a chance to speak, we did

19:06:54 18 suspend the lottery process. Please come to the front

19:06:56 19 corner of the room. We'll get you in the cue to

19:06:56 20 speak.

19:06:59 21 We did not list any of the ground rules. So,

19:07:03 22 if we can keep the room quiet, it's late in the day.

19:07:04 23 We'll get through this.

19:07:05 24 Our next speaker.

19:07:07 25 SPEAKER 53: Hello. Thank you for giving me

19:07:13 1 an opportunity to speak. My name is Sherry Martin,

19:07:15 2 and I'm a resident of Kelso, Washington.

19:07:18 3 I'm proud to add my voice to support

19:07:22 4 Millennium Bulk Terminal's project in Longview. The

19:07:24 5 project is an excellent opportunity for the community,

19:07:27 6 and I'm thrilled to see that Millennium has made

19:07:32 7 strong commitments both to the economy and to the

19:07:34 8 environment.

19:07:35 9 We need to move forward with this project.

19:07:38 10 Thank you.

19:07:43 11 SPEAKER 54: Thank you for this opportunity

19:07:48 12 to speak. My name is Alice Lockhart. I lost my

19:07:52 13 notes, completely different speech as a result.

19:07:57 14 I come from a town very much like Longview in

19:08:03 15 terms of it was a blue-collar town, low on jobs except

19:08:09 16 that we were a fossil fuel consuming town where we had

19:08:14 17 a refinery. My life expectancy is significantly

19:08:20 18 reduced as a result. Statistically, you know, we know

19:08:22 19 from the studies that my life expectancy is

19:08:24 20 significantly reduced as a result of that, and my

19:08:32 21 parents likely ditto, they're both dead. My dog died

19:08:36 22 of cancer, two dogs.

19:08:39 23 And I'm thinking of those folks in China, and

19:08:42 24 I can tell you I've been there as well. They do not

19:08:46 25 want this coal. Individual people in China do not

19:08:50 1 want this coal. They wear masks every day. So called
19:08:56 2 clean coal in cities where they have it, they still
19:09:00 3 wear masks every day just because it does not burn as
19:09:04 4 cleanly as oil.

19:09:06 5 The incredibly narrow NEPA Draft EIS, many
19:09:14 6 people have spoken to this, but if -- we have here a
19:09:18 7 proposal to essentially allow to be burned 40 million
19:09:25 8 tons of coal per year. That must be considered
19:09:28 9 legally and immorally because I'm not worried about my
19:09:36 10 kids getting cancer. I'm worried about them having
19:09:40 11 enough to eat when they are my age.

19:09:41 12 And that is what this current scientific
19:09:45 13 studies are telling us that we can afford zero new
19:09:48 14 fossil fuel infrastructure. So, for the people in
19:09:52 15 China and for my children, please consider a wider
19:09:52 16 scope.

19:10:00 17 EVENT HOST: If you could use the stairs.
19:10:02 18 I'm sure you would do fine, but I was surprised once
19:10:05 19 earlier today.

19:10:07 20 SPEAKER 55. Good evening. My name is Alona
19:10:14 21 Steinke. I live in Clark County.

19:10:15 22 I'm a retired RN, grandmother, and I have
19:10:20 23 asthma exacerbated by air pollution. The health
19:10:23 24 impact must not be ignored.

19:10:26 25 If this project is approved, at least 32

19:10:30 1 additional diesel locomotives per day would be
19:10:33 2 poisoning our air. By now, you must know that diesel
19:10:38 3 emissions are dangerous. Diesel exhaust is one of the
19:10:38 4 greatest contributors to outdoor air pollution. Air
19:10:42 5 pollution is not only a risk to our general health,
19:10:45 6 but also a leading environmental cause of cancer.
19:10:48 7 Diesel particulate matter has been identified as the
19:10:52 8 most likely contributor to cancer risk in Washington
19:10:55 9 State.

19:10:55 10 Coal dust is toxic, and research shows that
19:10:58 11 there is no threshold at which is it safe to breathe
19:11:01 12 the dust. Among other things, coal dust contains
19:11:05 13 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and heavy metals,
19:11:08 14 lead, mercury, nickel, cadmium, antimony, and arsenic
19:11:14 15 as well as radioisotopes, thorium, strontium, and fine
19:11:17 16 particulate matter. These can result in cancer, heart
19:11:21 17 disease, and respiratory disease, as well as harm to
19:11:21 18 fetal development.

19:11:23 19 This is now a social justice issue. This
19:11:27 20 coal would be dumped in an open pile right in the
19:11:31 21 Highlands neighborhood. This is one of the poorest
19:11:33 22 districts in the state with a 44 percent poverty rate.
19:11:37 23 It has the highest rates of debilitating medical
19:11:39 24 conditions.

19:11:40 25 In 2008, Longview City Council adopted a

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19:11:47 1 revitalization plan for the Highlands with many
19:11:47 2 improvement projects including a health services
19:11:52 3 program, thriving community center, library, and park.

19:11:53 4 Please don't sacrifice Longview and
19:11:56 5 especially the Highlands for the greed of a dying
19:11:59 6 industry.

19:12:02 7 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

19:12:05 8 We'll move to our next speaker, please.

19:12:05 9 SPEAKER 56: Good evening everyone. My name
19:12:11 10 is Robert Kominski. I'm a (inaudible) resident and a
19:12:11 11 student.

19:12:15 12 I'll open up my comments with an excerpt from
19:12:20 13 a speech by Senator Robert Kennedy, late Robert
19:12:20 14 Kennedy.

19:12:21 15 The gross national product counts air
19:12:24 16 pollution and cigarette advertising and ambulances to
19:12:26 17 clean up our highways from carnage. It counts special
19:12:30 18 locks for our doors and the jails for the people who
19:12:32 19 break them. It counts the destruction of the Redwood
19:12:38 20 and the loss of our natural wonder in chaotic sprawl.
19:12:38 21 It counts napalm and it counts nuclear warheads and
19:12:41 22 armored cars for the police to fight the riots in our

19:12:41 23 cities.

19:12:44 24 Yet the GNP does not allow for the health of

19:12:49 25 our children, the quality of their education, or joy

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19:12:52 1 of their play. It measures neither our wit nor our

19:12:57 2 courage, neither our wisdom nor our learning. It

19:13:00 3 measures everything in short except that which makes

19:13:03 4 life worth living.

19:13:05 5 The Millennium CEO remarked that he is not

19:13:11 6 appreciative of people from Seattle and Portland

19:13:14 7 coming down here to speak on these issues. However

19:13:17 8 this is indicative of extreme myopia from the fossil

19:13:21 9 fuel industry and lack of consideration of

19:13:26 10 externalities and environmental external costs. These

19:13:27 11 costs are born by low-income people and people all

19:13:30 12 around the world from Seattle to Nairobi to Beijing to

19:13:30 13 Bangladesh.

19:13:36 14 We are the people who will be suffering from

19:13:39 15 the damage that this pollution causes. Young people,

19:13:41 16 people of color, people living in low lying areas

19:13:46 17 across the world. It's a threat to our very survival

19:13:50 18 and the way everyone lives their lives, especially the

19:13:52 19 people in the Columbia River Gorge and the salmon who

19:13:55 20 have lived there for 15,000 years, much longer than

19:13:58 21 anybody here can attest to.

19:14:01 22 Similarly, the DEIS does not consider
19:14:05 23 emissions, lifecycle emissions, of all the coal that
19:14:06 24 willing be passing through this terminal. This is in
19:14:09 25 direct violation of the USCC Treaty last year, and I

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19:14:15 1 object to the terminal.

19:14:16 2 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

19:14:17 3 Next speaker, please.

19:14:23 4 SPEAKER 57: Hello folks. I'm Joann Schaller
19:14:26 5 from Seattle, Washington.

19:14:28 6 My family are pioneers from the Kent Valley,
19:14:29 7 as well as Centralia, as well as Port Angeles, and I
19:14:33 8 also come from a Northern Pacific and great northern
19:14:35 9 family, so I've been around here for a long time and
19:14:39 10 my family has done a lot in this state and everything.

19:14:41 11 I'm also an ally of the tribes and so I would like to
19:14:45 12 honor the Cowlitz and the tribes that are affected by
19:14:47 13 this community and the Chinook. So I would like to
19:14:47 14 read my statement.

19:14:52 15 We can live without fossil products, but we
19:14:55 16 can't live without clean water. Coal costs us our
19:14:57 17 money, our health, our land, our future. We must keep
19:15:01 18 the fossil fuels in the ground. It's not worth it for
19:15:04 19 sustainability or our public health.

19:15:06 20 The Pacific Northwest Region (inaudible), and
19:15:08 21 the water, land, and airs are extremely sacred to all
19:15:13 22 who call this place home. It gives people pleasure,
19:15:16 23 it gives people awe, it gives people food, it gives us
19:15:18 24 the cleanest water in the nation, it gives us wine, it
19:15:22 25 gives us best hops, it gives us hard ciders, it gives

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19:15:24 1 us apples, it gives us energy, and it gives us joy,
19:15:25 2 and it gives us happiness.

19:15:27 3 We in the Pacific Northwest are comitted to
19:15:31 4 clean water, air, soil, healthy beings for the region
19:15:33 5 and the world. We support clean jobs, clean jobs, and
19:15:36 6 support local industries such as fishing and farming
19:15:39 7 and services and industries that are clean. We
19:15:42 8 support all communities having clean air, water, and
19:15:42 9 land.

19:15:45 10 We refuse to allow any new fossil fuel
19:15:51 11 projects, crude oil, bomb trains, toxic gas frakking,
19:15:53 12 manufacturing pipelines, and poisonous production.
19:15:56 13 The coal companies are not going to clean up the
19:15:56 14 spills.

19:15:59 15 I also have a concern here about the way the
19:16:01 16 water is going. The krill, the orcas, all of their
19:16:04 17 food is going to be also maintained -- is going to be
19:16:08 18 destroyed by the tankers that are coming through the

19:16:10 19 waterways, so we do not accept this because of that.

19:16:13 20 Right now we only have 84 orcas left.

19:16:17 21 So we also support not having this stuff

19:16:20 22 going to China for the people's health. So you need

19:16:24 23 to go more deeply into what this is going to affect.

19:16:28 24 But most importantly, honor the treaties. That's the

19:16:29 25 most important. They're the ones that are going to

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19:16:32 1 protect us as well as them. Thanks.

19:16:35 2 EVENT HOST: Next speaker.

19:16:37 3 SPEAKER 58: Hello. My name is Bob Casey. I

19:16:44 4 live in Longview.

19:16:46 5 I didn't wear blue or red. Go Cougs.

19:16:50 6 And because it is a tough decision that you

19:16:54 7 have to make or to help make, we need the jobs and yet

19:16:58 8 we want this Environmental Impact Statement or study

19:17:02 9 to really reflect what's happening.

19:17:05 10 What I see -- I'm going to just pinpoint an

19:17:08 11 area, and that's noise. You know how that little

19:17:09 12 drip, drip, drip of noise can bug you. Well, these

19:17:12 13 trains, you know, it's going to be a big impact. In

19:17:15 14 fact, the EIS study says that 60 homes would have

19:17:18 15 severe impact, and I think we underestimate what this

19:17:22 16 noise is going to do to these 60 homes.

19:17:25 17 It also states that there is 229 homes that
19:17:26 18 would have moderate impacts. Now, they're just
19:17:30 19 talking about the tracks that just come up to the site
19:17:33 20 itself. The site itself, as we saw, it's many
19:17:36 21 circular tracks. Right now -- the study didn't even
19:17:40 22 talk about Mt. Solo. We have 60 lots up there, about
19:17:43 23 30 of us live up there now, and that's where I live.
19:17:46 24 I can hear the noise from the existing trains
19:17:48 25 as they go around the circle. Well, now you're going

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19:17:55 1 to have eight tracks inside of each other going around
19:17:56 2 and round.

19:17:57 3 I think we've underestimated, I think, the
19:17:59 4 real impact of what noise is. So I think that needs
19:18:03 5 to be brought -- more study. I don't know what it is
19:18:06 6 but, like I say, I can hear it now, and it's going to
19:18:10 7 be, you know, many times worse, not just eight times.
19:18:13 8 It's going to be many times worse than it is now.

19:18:16 9 So, you know, I don't know -- I don't think
19:18:18 10 the EIS can actually mandate compensation. I don't
19:18:22 11 think it can say -- I think there's more study that
19:18:24 12 needs to be done around noise. Thank you. Go Cougs.

19:18:30 13 SPEAKER 59: Hello. My name is Paul Siemens.
19:18:38 14 I'm a consulting engineer, civil engineer, an
19:18:39 15 industrial engineer, and I've worked in this town for

19:18:40 16 40 years.

19:18:41 17 I think that the Draft EIS has focused too
19:18:46 18 narrowly on the global greenhouse gas emissions that
19:18:50 19 this project facilitates. The EIS looks at the
19:18:55 20 construction and the operation -- operational
19:18:58 21 greenhouse gas impacts, but is silent about -- it
19:19:01 22 doesn't even acknowledge the greenhouse impacts that
19:19:04 23 this project facilitates in the burning of the one
19:19:08 24 billion tons of coal that will pass through the
19:19:12 25 terminal in the lifetime of the terminal.

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19:19:14 1 You folks are no stranger to the IPCC. In
19:19:17 2 fact, you reference the data and the conclusions of
19:19:22 3 the IPCC repeatedly in your analysis. But the most
19:19:26 4 salient conclusion of the IPCC is that the greenhouse
19:19:30 5 gas emissions are driving global change and ocean
19:19:33 6 acidification, and that they are severe, widespread
19:19:38 7 irreducible, and those impacts are global.

19:19:41 8 And so I don't understand why the draft has
19:19:44 9 not looked at the greenhouse gas impacts of the
19:19:47 10 combustion of the coal that passes through the
19:19:50 11 terminal. If the answer to that is, well, that's
19:19:55 12 beyond the scope of what we can do in this EIS, by
19:19:56 13 that logic, we're never going to address the

19:20:02 14 greenhouse gas issue because it's always going to be
19:20:04 15 beyond the scope of what we do. We're just focused on
19:20:04 16 our little community.

19:20:06 17 I guess my question or my suggestion is that
19:20:12 18 you broaden the scope of the greenhouse gas analysis
19:20:15 19 and if, in fact, it's better because sulfur is lower
19:20:18 20 here and the mercury is less, well, then fine, let's
19:20:20 21 look at that and give us a conclusion of why this
19:20:24 22 terminal should go forward even though we know, you
19:20:27 23 all know, that we've got to get off this coal
19:20:31 24 combustion. We need to leave the coal in the ground.
19:20:34 25 We need to move on. Yes, we're hooked now, but we've

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19:20:37 1 got to stop drinking. We've got to not just take the
19:20:39 2 next drink before we go to rehab. Thank you.

19:20:39 3 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

19:20:43 4 Ma'am, we'll take your comments next.

19:20:54 5 SPEAKER 60: My name is Marcia Denison,
19:20:57 6 Director of Pacific Rainforest Wildlife Guardians.

19:20:57 7 Millennium Terminal would be a global trade
19:21:06 8 facility linking US mountain tops blown to smithereens
19:21:06 9 to Asian markets. It affects all living beings in
19:21:10 10 between with adverse health and safety impacts,
11 climate change damage, and costs globally due to
12 billions of tons more carbon in the air and water.

13 Aquatic life and dead zones in river and sea,
14 our shellfish would become poisoned with heavy metals
15 and no longer commercially sellable. The krill that
16 feeds the ocean ecosystem would become contaminated.
19:21:35 17 Sea foam and wind would carry coal dust far and wide.
19:21:35 18 Open coal cars would go through windy Pasco
19:21:46 19 depriving them of sustained life, the right of
19:21:55 20 sustained life is denied them. Impacts of an approval
19:22:01 21 would affect thousands of school children and grownups
19:22:08 22 along the route because the facility is a global
19:22:12 23 transportation facility, not merely a City of Longview
19:22:15 24 facility cursing them with black lung. None of these
19:22:22 25 are in the DEIS. The rails are an integral part of

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19:22:22 1 global transportation facilitation.
19:22:28 2 The atmospheres and waters know no
19:22:28 3 boundaries. The additional carbon produced would seal
19:22:37 4 the fate of Earth's climate with black coal dust and
19:22:39 5 blanket the Earth for over a century.
19:22:42 6 Lower elevation snow is a thing of the past.
19:22:42 7 Snow zone signs are a relic of that past in the coast
19:22:42 8 range from bad decisions by government agencies and
19:22:52 9 obsolete regulations that allows too much air
19:22:52 10 pollution.

19:22:52 11 EVENT HOST: Your time has run out. Thank
19:22:52 12 you.

19:23:02 13 SPEAKER 60: We're told that ovens at the
19:23:06 14 camp were for baking bread so no one would go hungry.
19:23:10 15 Don't trust Millennium. Thank you.

19:23:13 16 EVENT HOST: All are welcome to leave written
19:23:15 17 comments as well -- thank you -- if you would like.

19:23:24 18 SPEAKER 61: Hello. My name is Captain
19:23:29 19 Hillary Higgins. I live in Longview, and I support
19:23:31 20 the no-action alternative for Millennium Bulk
19:23:35 21 Terminal's proposed facility in Longview, Washington.

19:23:37 22 My understanding is that this public meeting
19:23:40 23 was to discuss the Army Corps of Engineers' Draft
19:23:46 24 Environmental Impact Statement. In spite of that,
19:23:46 25 most comments have been about jobs, so I'll talk about

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19:23:50 1 my job.

19:23:50 2 For over 30 years, I have been employed as a
19:23:54 3 (inaudible) merchant mariner. I have both worked on
19:23:54 4 ships carrying coal and (inaudible) vessels near coal
19:23:58 5 docks, and I can tell you that the phrase clean coal
19:24:01 6 is a combination of contradictory terms.

19:24:04 7 It is a backward-looking commodity and not a
19:24:07 8 long-term solution to providing jobs, and it's at the
19:24:12 9 expense of our personal health and the health of the

19:24:14 10 environment.

19:24:15 11 I don't speak for my union but as a member of
19:24:17 12 this community that does not approve of the way the
19:24:20 13 backers of this project have driven a wedge in our
19:24:23 14 population.

19:24:24 15 While I could financially benefit from this
19:24:28 16 project, the only project all of our community can
19:24:31 17 support is a sustainable, economically viable project
19:24:34 18 that will benefit all of us, not one that benefits you
19:24:37 19 at the expense of us all.

19:24:40 20 In closing, I ask what job opportunities will
19:24:42 21 be lost that will not come to this area if this
19:24:46 22 project continues to completion and the negative
19:24:49 23 impact of what that will be. Thank you.

19:24:53 24 SPEAKER 62: I'm Steve Dragitch (phonetic).

19:25:03 25 I'm the grandson of a coal miner from Bear

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19:25:08 1 Creek Montana, Carbon County, Montana. What do you
19:25:11 2 think the chief industry was in that county?

19:25:14 3 The mining of the coal in that particular
19:25:19 4 county was anthracitic glass hard coal for the United
19:25:23 5 States Navy pre World War I. Just before the Navy
19:25:29 6 transferred over to another fuel, oil, and the Army
19:25:33 7 transferred from the horse to the internal combustion

19:25:33 8 engine.

19:25:38 9 Specifically loading the coal in the DEIS.

19:25:45 10 To think that you will not have material that will

19:25:50 11 migrate from the site is a false assumption. The

19:25:54 12 reason being this, my family's experience. Loading

19:25:59 13 coal in the balmy subclimate of Montana in the winter,

19:26:04 14 the crews from the head gate loading the hopper cars

19:26:09 15 in subzero conditions were black and, mind you, this

19:26:15 16 was anthracitic coal, the glass hard high BTU coal.

19:26:22 17 To think that you will not have the same migration of

19:26:25 18 the material from the Millennium site is a falsehood

19:26:31 19 based on my family's example.

19:26:38 20 SPEAKER 63: My name is Joelle Robinson, but

19:26:49 21 I am reading this on behalf of a local resident, Holly

19:26:53 22 Gibson, as she's at the hospital delivering babies.

19:26:57 23 My name is Holly Gibson. I was born and

19:26:57 24 raised in Longview.

19:27:01 25 I currently work as a registered nurse at St.

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19:27:04 1 John Medical Center on the labor and delivery unit.

19:27:06 2 It is my job to care about the health and wellness of

19:27:09 3 our patients, and we already know we're impacted by

19:27:12 4 the coal that is burning over in Asia and the health

19:27:16 5 effects it can have on us.

19:27:18 6 The SEPA DEIS acknowledges that there will be

19:27:20 7 problems with (inaudible). The neurological system of
19:27:25 8 the developing fetus can be negatively impacted by the
19:27:29 9 mother consuming salmon contaminated by mercury. So I
19:27:32 10 would like to read a quote here.

19:27:34 11 It is cool and bitter irony that our salmon
19:27:37 12 is now contaminated with coal derived mercury, one of
19:27:41 13 the most powerful toxins to mental development. So
19:27:45 14 the intake of fish by pregnant woman and children
19:27:49 15 needs to be limited. That message is from Dr. Martha
19:27:54 16 (inaudible). I would like everyone to think about the
19:27:56 17 health and wellness of our moms and our babies. It's
19:28:00 18 my job to watch out for their health and wellbeing,
19:28:05 19 but I'm asking for everyone else to just care. Please
19:28:08 20 deny these permits.

19:28:11 21 And because I have a few more seconds, I want
19:28:11 22 to speak as a fourth generation Washingtonian, an aunt
19:28:26 23 who has seven children -- and the DEIS does not take
19:28:27 24 into consideration all of my friends and family from
19:28:33 25 Montana, Idaho, Spokane, the Gorge, Vancouver, and

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19:28:34 1 Longview, and all of the people and all the beings in
19:28:39 2 the world and global warming pollution and climate
19:28:43 3 chaos and the severe suffering and impacts caused now
19:28:46 4 and that would become -- I ask you to do the no-action

19:28:51 5 alternative.

19:28:52 6 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

19:29:01 7 Speaker 64: Good afternoon. My name is

19:29:14 8 (inaudible), and I am organizer for (inaudible)

19:29:16 9 America in Vancouver. We are a Washington State

19:29:19 10 nonprofit that works to empower communities.

19:29:22 11 I was born in Mexico, and I left to come to

19:29:27 12 Southwest Washington looking for a good future from my

19:29:28 13 family. It was very hard. I left my parents and

19:29:32 14 family and many friends behind, but we made this

19:29:36 15 sacrifice for the chance of something better for my

19:29:39 16 family.

19:29:40 17 When I got here, I noticed that it is very

19:29:43 18 green and clean and even I like the weather. I love

19:29:47 19 Washington very much. It's my home. It's amazing to

19:29:50 20 see so many people here tonight, and there are so many

19:29:54 21 people who could be impacted by this coal export

19:30:02 22 proposal that couldn't make it tonight.

19:30:04 23 I was going door to door in a Vancouver

19:30:07 24 neighborhood that sits right in between the coal train

19:30:10 25 track and the terminal. They are so close to the

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19:30:14 1 tracks that one gentleman told me that he's going to

19:30:17 2 (inaudible) when a train passes by.

19:30:19 3 A lot of people are immigrants, most of them

19:30:22 4 (inaudible) and, you know, many of these people they
19:30:25 5 do not have a voice, they do not have a vote, and they
19:30:30 6 are breathing that poor air. An extra 16 coal trains
19:30:40 7 going through every day would make it so much worse.
19:30:42 8 I know that the story has many (inaudible)
19:30:45 9 with Longview and with communities along the railroad
19:30:49 10 tracks. So let's keep fighting for the right to clean
19:30:53 11 air and clean water. (Inaudible). Let's stop this
19:31:02 12 coal now. Thank you.

19:31:09 13 SPEAKER 65: Hello. My name is Bren
19:31:22 14 Dahlquist, and many people believe that I am the one
19:31:25 15 behind the small person that came up and spoke, but
19:31:28 16 the reality is he's the one that's behind it and he
19:31:32 17 hands me the information, and I'm the one that packs
19:31:35 18 around the bag that has his algebra homework that he's
19:31:37 19 doing for him to go to school tomorrow and turn in,
19:31:40 20 and I'm the one that helps him pour over market
19:31:45 21 analysis of boom and bust coal economies we find on
19:31:46 22 the internet, and I've learned more in the last few
19:31:49 23 years about environmental impact statements and fossil
19:31:53 24 fuel chemicals and so much trying to to help him
19:31:57 25 understand why this is happening.

19:31:59 1 We don't live in Longview, but I work not 100

19:32:03 2 yards from the tracks and we live in a place that is
19:32:07 3 impacted by this coal terminal.

19:32:11 4 It's much easier to look at it just right
19:32:13 5 here, but the Draft Environmental Impact Statement's
19:32:15 6 scoping hearing stated that it's supposed to be source
19:32:17 7 to burn which means it impacts us as well, and it
19:32:21 8 doesn't seem to include us just about anywhere.

19:32:24 9 There are 185 critical endangered species
19:32:27 10 recognized in the Columbia Gorge Action Management
19:32:31 11 Plan, and only five of them are listed in your Draft
19:32:37 12 Environmental Impact Statement. The others are
19:32:37 13 nowhere.

19:32:39 14 Coal might not come flying off of cars here.
19:32:40 15 We have 80-mile-an-hour winds down the Gorge. The
19:32:44 16 winds are so strong they close the bridge sometimes
19:32:46 17 because they will throw a car off the side of it. I
19:32:48 18 am not kidding. You can look it up.

19:32:50 19 There are piles of coal that exist when the
19:32:54 20 mouth of the river we live on meets the Columbia River
19:32:56 21 because the winds are so strong. It impact us, it
19:33:01 22 impacts us differently than it impacts people here.
19:33:03 23 It impacts the people of Montana that we know
19:33:04 24 differently than it impacts us and it impacts the
19:33:08 25 people here, and none of that is included in your

19:33:08 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

19:33:11 2 I understand that it is easy to monitor how

19:33:14 3 it impacts here, but that doesn't mean that it's the

19:33:17 4 only place it impacts, and the Draft Environmental

19:33:20 5 Impact Statement is drastically lacking. Thank you.

19:33:23 6 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

19:33:23 7 Just a quick reminder, if we have folks that

19:33:27 8 wish to speak, we've suspended the lottery system in

19:33:29 9 favor of letting all speak. Come to the front corner

19:33:29 10 and check in with Kim.

19:33:32 11 We'll listen to our next speaker for two

19:33:35 12 minutes. Thank you.

19:33:37 13 SPEAKER 66: Hi. My name is Chris Turner,

19:33:37 14 and I live in Cowlitz County.

19:33:44 15 I had a great idea modeled after Australia's

19:33:49 16 Griffin Coal Company's project which is now in the

19:33:49 17 permitting process. The proposal would use cargo

19:33:49 18 containers to transport coal from the Collie Mine to a

19:33:57 19 ship's hold at the Port of Bunbury.

19:34:00 20 Coal is loaded into the cargo containers at

19:34:00 21 the mine, lidded before they leave, stored at the

19:34:07 22 harbor with the coal still inside, then the containers

19:34:10 23 are emptied into the hold of the ship.

19:34:13 24 But wait, we can't do that. We can't do it

19:34:16 25 the Aussie way because the proposed Millennium project

19:34:20 1 site's soil doesn't have the load-bearing capacity to
19:34:24 2 even handle the weight of the coal which will be
19:34:27 3 dumped in the stockpile areas. Therefore the
19:34:31 4 additional weight of the cargo containers is out of
19:34:33 5 the question. Weight is such a critical issue that
19:34:36 6 the terminal building has to be built with lightweight
19:34:40 7 materials. The project area has a high potential of
19:34:45 8 liquefaction.

19:34:45 9 An attempt will be made to stabilize the soil
19:34:45 10 by preloading the soil in the area of the coal
19:34:51 11 stockpiles. This will take seven years. If it's
19:34:56 12 successful, Millennium might be able to lay down the
19:34:58 13 coal. All the issues with storing the coal on the
19:35:01 14 ground will still remain, soil contamination,
19:35:05 15 groundwater pollution, liquefaction after an
19:35:08 16 earthquake, and the shallow aquifer located just three
19:35:12 17 feet below the surface.

19:35:14 18 We are left with 1,600,000 metric tons of
19:35:19 19 coal that will be stacked 85 feet high at the Port.

19:35:19 20 Union Pacific Railroad is proposing double
19:35:28 21 tracking for 4.02 miles in the buffer zone of the
19:35:30 22 Columbia River. Coal dust, sledge will fall directly
19:35:32 23 into the Columbia River.

19:35:35 24 Find a project site that can transport coal
19:35:37 25 the cleaner Aussie way, not on this site. Thank you.

19:35:37 1 EVENT HOST: Thank you.

19:35:43 2 Our next speaker.

19:35:45 3 SPEAKER 67: Hi. I'm Jim Johnson. I'm a

19:35:59 4 resident of Woodland.

19:36:02 5 Our area in the state of Washington needs

19:36:05 6 jobs, and this is a good project that will create

19:36:08 7 jobs.

19:36:11 8 You've studied the project enough, now it's

19:36:12 9 time to move forward with the fair process of

19:36:15 10 permitting. Thank you.

19:36:21 11 SPEAKER 68: Hi. I'm Darlene Johnson. I'm

19:36:32 12 Jim's wife, and I usually talk a little more than he

19:36:35 13 does.

19:36:35 14 We are originally from Seattle, and we moved

19:36:40 15 to Woodland in 1967. We have seen when the economy of

19:36:46 16 Longview/Kelso was so booming that everybody had good

19:36:50 17 paying jobs and people were happy and families were

19:36:53 18 happy.

19:36:54 19 During the time I've been in Woodland, I was

19:36:57 20 on the United Way campaign for probably 20 years, 25

19:37:02 21 years, and the big industries with payroll deductions

19:37:08 22 had United Way money coming in like you can't believe,

19:37:14 23 and we helped people throughout our whole community

19:37:18 24 because we had good paying jobs.

19:37:21 25 The country has lately made it very difficult

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19:37:26 1 to have family-wage jobs and, when you have an
19:37:31 2 industry that wants to come to your area and bring
19:37:36 3 family-wage jobs, I think it's something you should
19:37:38 4 really support. I'm a CPA, I'm not a scientist, but I
19:37:43 5 have looked at the environmental statement and I've
19:37:48 6 gone to about three or four meetings -- where's Jim?
19:37:52 7 Any ways, three or four meetings on it, and my opinion
19:37:56 8 it's been very thorough and it's been something that
19:38:01 9 the, you know, the change in how we handle coal and
19:38:04 10 stuff is stuff that I don't think that the people that
19:38:09 11 are so concerned about it should be that concerned.
19:38:14 12 But I think also when you have family-wage jobs
19:38:17 13 willing to come to your area, you ought to invite them
19:38:20 14 in.

19:38:28 15 SPEAKER 69: Hi. I'm Diana Gordon. I live
19:38:36 16 in Washougal, Washington.

19:38:37 17 I was looking through the DEIS, and I see
19:38:41 18 that the huge ships that are transporting the coal
19:38:44 19 down the Columbia -- I'm quoting here -- coal dust
19:38:46 20 would not likely be deposited on vegetation downstream
19:38:52 21 along the Columbia because they're covered.

19:38:52 22 Now, that stretch of the river, of course, is

19:38:54 23 from Longview to the mouth, but my concern is for
19:38:58 24 upstream of Longview. I live in Washougal and I fear
19:39:04 25 we'll feel the brunt of this terminal's rail traffic.

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19:39:08 1 Washougal is stretched out along the river,
19:39:10 2 and at full build out, we can expect 16 trains a day.
19:39:16 3 They'll cause our five at-grade crossings release
19:39:18 4 visible amounts of this very friable coal dust on
19:39:21 5 windy days and impede access to our businesses. Now,
19:39:25 6 I'm assuming that trains are going back along the
19:39:28 7 river and not through Stampede Pass.

19:39:29 8 The vegetation along the Lower Columbia is
19:39:32 9 protected, but the trains bringing the coal to
19:39:35 10 Longview will pass uncovered along the river and over
19:39:39 11 tributaries much closer to the vegetation than the
19:39:42 12 tankers in the middle of the Columbia. There's no
19:39:46 13 protection for that. Our schools and parks are closer
19:39:49 14 than that vegetation as well.

19:39:51 15 In addition to the impacts of dust in the
19:39:53 16 air, dust particles will wash out of the bottom of the
19:39:56 17 rail cars when it rains. These go directly into the
19:39:59 18 river and the tributaries and all along the tracks.

19:40:03 19 Many forms of recreation in towns like
19:40:06 20 Washougal are river dependent. Hundreds of people
19:40:08 21 fish and kayak and so on.

19:40:11 22 I feel the DEIS does not adequately address
19:40:14 23 all of the problems that this coal terminal brings
19:40:18 24 with it. Why protect vegetation along part of the
19:40:19 25 route but not all of it?

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19:40:22 1 Until many of these problems are resolved, I
19:40:24 2 think the no-action alternative is our only choice.

19:40:31 3 Thank you.

19:40:34 4 SPEAKER 70: My name is Thomas Gordon. I'm
19:40:47 5 from Washougal, Washington.

19:40:50 6 The Draft EIS does not consider the range of
19:40:52 7 problems created by transported coal down the Columbia
19:40:54 8 River Corridor that could also impact Longview and its
19:40:58 9 citizens besides lead, arsenic, and mercury from the
19:41:02 10 500 pounds of coal dust lost per car in transit from
19:41:06 11 the Powder River area of Wyoming and the diesel burned
19:41:10 12 in the locomotives, a lot of which would come off in
19:41:14 13 Washington, are PAHs. These polycyclic aromatic
19:41:17 14 hydrocarbons, which are more concerning to John
19:41:17 15 Incardona, a biologist and toxicologist for the
19:41:26 16 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in
19:41:26 17 Seattle.

19:41:28 18 It's a very simple matter Incardona explains.

19:41:31 19 If it leaves the PAH source and goes into the water

19:41:36 20 and gets taken up by the fish, it will be toxic. It
19:41:39 21 doesn't matter if it's coming from coal dust or fuel.
19:41:43 22 Salmon hearts don't develop normally
19:41:43 23 affecting their ability to survive and reproduce.
19:41:47 24 Also PAHs have been connected to liver disease in
19:41:51 25 English sole in the Puget Sound. What are the effects

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19:41:51 1 on other species?
19:41:55 2 Longview get its water from the Mint Farm
19:41:59 3 Regional Water Treatment Plant which gets its water
19:42:01 4 from wells. These wells are recharged from the
19:42:05 5 Columbia River. How long until these PAHs show up
19:42:05 6 from the increased load in the Columbia River?
19:42:10 7 I request the no-action alternative. Thank
19:42:13 8 you.
19:42:15 9 SPEAKER 71: Good evening. My name is Katie
19:42:33 10 Baxton (phonetic). I live in Vancouver, Washington.
19:42:36 11 Thank you for the opportunity to express my
19:42:37 12 concerns regarding building of the proposed coal
19:42:42 13 terminal here in Longview.
19:42:43 14 From an environment standpoint, this project
19:42:46 15 provides nothing positive for the community. Shipping
19:42:50 16 tons of coal per year through our West Coast
19:42:54 17 communities would release toxic coal dust, risking our
19:42:58 18 families health, polluting our air and water, and

19:43:01 19 further promoting the climate crisis.
19:43:05 20 BNSF Railroad studies estimate up to 500
19:43:10 21 pounds of coal can be lost from each railcar en route
19:43:14 22 to its destination. Additionally, increased coal
19:43:19 23 train traffic could cause delays at rail crossings,
19:43:24 24 increase traffic congestion, and limit access to
19:43:29 25 neighborhoods, schools, and businesses while also

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19:43:31 1 slowing emergency response times.
19:43:34 2 The damage to our rail system due to the
19:43:38 3 additional number of trains would necessitate repairs
19:43:40 4 and upgrades most likely funded by public tax dollars.
19:43:46 5 Do we hold the line? Absolutely we do. However we
19:43:51 6 hold the line in order to have a healthy and safe
19:43:56 7 community environment. The profits do not outweigh
19:44:00 8 the risks, and the wellbeing of our communities and
19:44:04 9 our environment should always take precedence. Thank
19:44:08 10 you.
19:44:09 11 SPEAKER 72: Good evening. My name is John
19:44:26 12 Wheatley (phonetic). I'm a lifelong resident of
19:44:28 13 Cowlitz County, and that's currently 75 years longer
19:44:32 14 than a private tree rotation.
19:44:36 15 I would like to begin the comment about that
19:44:40 16 this is not a government stimulus project. This is a

19:44:45 17 private company willing to invest hundreds of millions
19:44:50 18 of dollars in our area. It's a private company.
19:44:55 19 I have read the summaries of the Draft EIS.
19:44:58 20 I commend the Corps for doing an excellent job on
19:45:02 21 anything that I can see to anticipate, and I believe
19:45:05 22 that it meets the current rules based on science.
19:45:10 23 I would like to close with three things.
19:45:12 24 Urge the Corps to complete the process, issue the
19:45:17 25 appropriate permits at the federal and state level and

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19:45:21 1 the county level, and allow a private company to
19:45:25 2 invest hundreds of millions of dollars as a private
19:45:31 3 stimulus. Thank you.
19:45:36 4 Speaker 73: Hello. My name is Les Anderson.
19:45:45 5 I'm a resident of Cowlitz County for 22 years. Thank
19:45:48 6 you for holding these hearings.
19:45:51 7 I'm for a no-action. So, when I look at
19:45:55 8 this, I look at public interest. I like to think
19:45:59 9 that's for the public good that would affect our
19:46:03 10 quality of life, things like that.
19:46:06 11 When Amber Energy came into our town
19:46:09 12 approximately six years ago, they came in with a plan.
19:46:10 13 It was a deliberate plan. It was a plan to lie to our
19:46:15 14 community, lie to our state on the SEPA report saying
19:46:16 15 that they wanted to move five million tons of coal

19:46:18 16 with no plans to increase that amount. We found out
19:46:23 17 that they were lying. They admitted in their memos
19:46:28 18 that they were lying, and they didn't want to get
19:46:30 19 caught because they would lose credibility. Well,
19:46:32 20 they sure did.
19:46:33 21 And, since that time, I've listened for six
19:46:36 22 years to continued lies like they were going to
19:46:39 23 improve the railroads, improve the roads. They said
19:46:43 24 they would build this with private funding. Why with
19:46:46 25 private funding are they looking for a billion dollars

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19:46:49 1 in publicly-funded bonds coming out of Wyoming for
19:46:54 2 this project?
19:46:55 3 And the person that's missing here is
19:46:56 4 Resource Capital, who are the new owners of and dba as
19:47:01 5 Lighthouse. They don't even care enough to come
19:47:04 6 through here to even talk to our town or talk to us.
19:47:10 7 I think the federal law, in my estimation, requires
19:47:14 8 that they Army Corps looks at all of the waterway
19:47:20 9 that's affected by this project, not just the
19:47:26 10 arbitrary line in the water. So we need to look at
19:47:29 11 all the desecration of the shore banks all the way
19:47:32 12 from here to the ocean.
19:47:32 13 There are five employees with over 2,000

19:47:35 14 (inaudible) of risk within your study period and study
19:47:38 15 area, and that includes Millennium that hasn't been
19:47:43 16 mitigated for traffic for egressing in and out of
19:47:47 17 their properties. So this needs a lot more study.

19:47:55 18 Thank you.

19:47:55 19 EVENT HOST: We'll have our next speaker.

19:47:57 20 If there is anybody left in the audience who
19:48:01 21 has not had a chance to speak, please come to the
19:48:02 22 front right corner of the room from your perspective.

19:48:02 23 Go ahead.

19:48:05 24 SPEAKER 74: I've got a bumper sticker here.

19:48:06 25 Trees are America's renewable natural resources.

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19:48:11 1 When you people do this, I don't know if
19:48:12 2 you're going to do the same thing or if you're capable
19:48:14 3 of doing the same thing that we did in Vietnam in 1970
19:48:20 4 and '71. It wasn't based on pure science when we
19:48:20 5 terminated Operation Ranch Hand. It was done at the
19:48:23 6 request of International Red Cross considering the
19:48:29 7 tribes of the native people of Vietnam. Their
19:48:29 8 children being born with their fingers ripping off,
19:48:31 9 the open -- the holes in their hearts, and the soft
19:48:38 10 spot on tops of their heads. Dioxins dissolved skin
19:48:39 11 cell structure down to 25 percent of thickness.

19:48:41 12 When they took the electrons from pulmo

19:48:44 13 graphs, the cell structure showed pink instead of red
19:48:47 14 on the cell structure. The bone marrow was all messed
19:48:50 15 up. It was done on humanitarian considerations, not
19:48:54 16 just on pure science. In 1948, the Sweds terminated
19:48:59 17 their dioxin programs, and I think in Italy, they also
19:49:03 18 made observations about us burning tire factory and
19:49:08 19 the chemicals that came off that were messing things
19:49:11 20 up.
19:49:13 21 It was a politician, I heard him the last
19:49:16 22 time he was here, that said one in three people in
19:49:17 23 this town are unemployed, they're on SSI, or whatever.
19:49:23 24 One in three in Longview, Washington would be if you
19:49:26 25 counted Rose Valley, counted Ostrander, counted maybe

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19:49:35 1 up in the hills. If you count, we've got 45,500
19:49:39 2 people. That would be 15,500 people and, if you hired
19:49:47 3 135 -- like I said, the numbers lie and the figures
19:49:50 4 lie. One person said 300 permanent jobs, one person
19:49:52 5 said 135 jobs by 2028. That would be one percent of
19:49:59 6 13,500 people.
19:50:01 7 And I don't believe if you hire these people
19:50:03 8 that are drunks, they jumped out of high school,
19:50:10 9 you're going to take home a lot of problems.
19:50:13 10 EVENT HOST: Our next speaker, please.

19:50:16 11 SPEAKER 75: Good evening. Thank you for
19:50:22 12 your time. Thank you for your due diligence in this
19:50:25 13 matter.

19:50:26 14 My name is Timothy P. Downes, D-O-W-N-E-S. I
19:50:30 15 live in Olympia, Washington. I'm a business agent
19:50:34 16 representative for UA Local 26, Plumbers and
19:50:34 17 Pipefitters.

19:50:38 18 We support the democratic process of the EIS
19:50:42 19 and just ask for it to go forward in the process.

19:50:46 20 Thank you very much for your time.

19:50:50 21 SPEAKER 76: Good evening. My name is Mitsui
19:51:05 22 (phonetic) Cook, and I'm from Hawaii from a beach
19:51:08 23 town, and I live in Seattle. I've lived there for ten
19:51:13 24 years.

19:51:13 25 I'm accustomed to very fresh air because

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19:51:18 1 Hawaii is in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. And,
19:51:22 2 first of all, I want to acknowledge you in your role.
19:51:27 3 You have a tremendous role in this -- on the level of
19:51:32 4 the Earth. Because what is at hand here is something
19:51:40 5 that is going to affect everybody, all of the life
19:51:42 6 forms on Earth.

19:51:46 7 I have had an ocean project for five years,
19:51:49 8 so I've learned a lot about the ocean, and the ocean
19:51:55 9 collects carbon dioxide, and there is a reservoir of

19:52:00 10 carbon dioxide, about 50 years' worth, and it will
19:52:02 11 release at a certain point. So whatever is done now,
19:52:08 12 will not stop that 50 years of collection.

19:52:15 13 This town is called Longview I've learned,
19:52:18 14 and I want to suggest in your responsibility here that
19:52:25 15 you consider the long view. I have compassion for the
19:52:29 16 desire for jobs and Longview needs economic
19:52:37 17 development, and what is at hand here is a call for
19:52:42 18 the long view.

19:52:45 19 I lived in China for three months. I used to
19:52:49 20 teach at Stanford University, and I was asked to teach
19:52:55 21 in (inaudible), which is Southern China where
19:52:56 22 manufacturing was done. People from the center of
19:53:01 23 China were asked to be given jobs.

19:53:04 24 Anyway, the air was so thick it was like a
19:53:09 25 fog, and so I declined teaching there. Living in

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19:53:18 1 Seattle, I look down at the Puget Sound from my patio,
19:53:21 2 and I see smog coming from China. So it's already
19:53:27 3 here.

19:53:28 4 EVENT HOST: Thank you for your comment.

19:53:32 5 SPEAKER 77: Hello. I live in Seattle. I'm
19:53:46 6 a marine educator and I've worked with kids all my
19:53:50 7 life to teach them how to be good stewards of the

19:53:54 8 planet.

19:53:56 9 So you've heard the passionate truth from the

19:54:00 10 children that have spoken today, and now I have a

19:54:04 11 simple question to ask each of you.

19:54:08 12 What kind of future will you decide to leave

19:54:10 13 these children and the children that follow them? I'm

19:54:16 14 not sure how you will decide, but I certainly know how

19:54:20 15 they would want you to decide. They would want you to

19:54:24 16 decide on the no-action alternative. They would ask

19:54:28 17 you to leave them a world with clean air for them to

19:54:32 18 breathe, for clean soil to play in, for clean water to

19:54:38 19 drink, and for a life that they can enjoy without

19:54:42 20 having to fight their entire lives for a liveable

19:54:48 21 planet for themselves, and for all of the

19:54:54 22 extraordinary species that live here.

19:54:56 23 Please I ask you to consider and take to

19:55:00 24 heart what these young people are asking of you and

19:55:06 25 decide knowing their very lives depend on your

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19:55:11 1 decision. Thank you.

19:55:14 2 SPEAKER 78: Colonel Buck, my name is Dan

19:55:28 3 Serres. I'm the conservation director with Columbia

19:55:30 4 River Keeper.

19:55:31 5 When Millennium first came to Longview years

19:55:33 6 ago, they proposed a facility that would move 5.6

19:55:36 7 million tons of coal. They got approval, we
19:55:40 8 challenged that approval, and through the process of
19:55:41 9 challenging that approval, we exposed the fact that
19:55:43 10 they intended to move between 40 and 60 million tons
19:55:43 11 of coal.

19:55:47 12 The reason why that story, the original sin
19:55:48 13 of this project, is so important for us tonight is
19:55:51 14 that environmental impact statement includes many
19:55:54 15 mitigation measure that are meant to address
19:55:56 16 significant impacts, particularly the aquatic impacts
19:56:00 17 of the project, and we can't simply take Millennium on
19:56:04 18 its word.

19:56:04 19 For instance, the EIS does identify places
19:56:06 20 where construction of docks and the operation of the
19:56:09 21 terminal would impact 13 listed species of salmon and
19:56:14 22 steelhead, the lower Columbia River's incredibly
19:56:17 23 important habitat. It would permanently alter a
19:56:19 24 48-acre area of (inaudible) habitat removing 500,000
19:56:24 25 cubic yards in critical salmon habitat.

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19:56:26 1 Yet, in the end, the EIS identifies
19:56:30 2 mitigation measures which really rely on the goodwill
19:56:33 3 of Millennium and, in some cases are totally
19:56:37 4 unspecified. They say things like Millennium could

19:56:39 5 develop a plan to deal with coal spills, Millennium
19:56:42 6 could develop a plan to deal with runoff that may be
19:56:45 7 laden with heavy metals and chemicals that could
19:56:45 8 impact salmon habitat.

19:56:50 9 So, in this environment impact statement,
19:56:54 10 NEPA requires that the Corps spell out exactly how
19:56:56 11 this project would be built, exactly how these impacts
19:56:59 12 would be mitigated. And, for us, we simply can't
19:57:03 13 trust given what's been laid before us that those
19:57:06 14 impacts would be mitigated.

19:57:08 15 So we ask you in one option to revise and
19:57:12 16 withdraw this environmental impact statement to meet
19:57:15 17 what NEPA requires, and then the other option is to
19:57:17 18 simply select the no-action alternative. Thank you.

19:57:22 19 SPEAKER 79: Good evening it is now. Thank
19:57:30 20 you for this opportunity to give comment. My name is
19:57:32 21 Ryan Rittenhouse. I work for Friends of the Columbia
19:57:32 22 Gorge.

19:57:35 23 I guess I'm pretty clear on my message
19:57:38 24 already, but we are very concerned at Friends about
19:57:41 25 the cumulative impacts of this project and the lack of

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19:57:45 1 analysis of that in the Draft EIS is very concerning
19:57:49 2 to us.

19:57:49 3 Obviously our big concern is the Columbia

19:57:52 4 Gorge National Scenic Area through which all of the

19:57:54 5 trains that would service this facility would pass.

19:57:56 6 We already have a significant problem with

19:57:58 7 coal trains moving through the scenic area. There's

19:58:00 8 already a significant problem with coal dust coming

19:58:03 9 off of those trains. It's well documented. We have

19:58:06 10 photographic evidence, we have personal stories, we

19:58:08 11 have scientific evidence from monitoring stations that

19:58:10 12 were set up by scientists, and we're actually

19:58:13 13 currently suing BNSF Railroad for violations of the

19:58:18 14 Clean Water Act for the coal that's coming off of

19:58:19 15 those trains getting into the air and water.

19:58:21 16 This project would greatly exacerbate that

19:58:23 17 problem, possibly even double it. Double the amount

19:58:26 18 of coal that's getting into the air, double the amount

19:58:28 19 of coal that's getting into the water. We don't

19:58:30 20 really know for sure. That's mostly what I wanted to

19:58:33 21 say.

19:58:34 22 The rest of my time, I would like to address

19:58:37 23 a lot of what we have been hearing tonight. Really

19:58:39 24 the only argument in favor of this project is that it

19:58:42 25 will supposedly bring jobs. First of all, it's not

19:58:45 1 that many jobs. Second of all, when we're talking

19:58:48 2 about jobs in the energy sector, it's important to
19:58:52 3 recognize that we're always going to have a need for
19:58:55 4 energy jobs, not coal jobs, not solar jobs, not wind
19:59:00 5 jobs. They all provide a certain amount of energy.
19:59:03 6 And, when we say yes to these dirty projects like coal
19:59:07 7 terminals, that means we're saying no to a wind farm
19:59:09 8 or solar farm or an energy efficiency project or an
19:59:13 9 energy storage project.

19:59:15 10 So that's why we need to be saying no to this
19:59:15 11 because as long as we keep saying yes, we're never
19:59:19 12 going to have the opportunity to say yes to the
19:59:23 13 alternatives. Those alternatives per megawatt provide
19:59:26 14 many more jobs than these dirty industries do, so
19:59:28 15 please consider that as well. Thank you.

19:59:32 16 EVENT HOST: Thank you. It's eight o'clock.
19:59:34 17 I appreciate your patience, those that have been here
19:59:38 18 for a number of hours. We do have one elected
19:59:38 19 official signed up for the eight o'clock hour, Eric
19:59:43 20 Labrant from Port of Vancouver.

19:59:46 21 Is Eric available? And then we'll go to the
19:59:50 22 next speaker.

19:59:57 23 SPEAKER 79: Good evening. I'm Eric Lebrant.
20:00:03 24 I'm the elected Commissioner of Port of Vancouver USA
20:00:05 25 as well as the chair of the Fruit Valley Neighborhood

20:00:08 1 Association, Vancouver's largest neighborhood, and one
20:00:11 2 with which the rails pass.

20:00:12 3 To be clear, I'm here this evening speaking
20:00:13 4 on my own behalf, on behalf of my children, and
20:00:17 5 families all along the rail route.

20:00:19 6 In 2009, I invested my life savings to buy
20:00:19 7 our home. As a single father weathering the great
20:00:25 8 recession, it was of bit of a stretch but a worthwhile
20:00:27 9 one. It has been my greatest investment and our
20:00:29 10 family's best shot at the American dream of working
20:00:31 11 hard to get ahead when a lot of American reality is
20:00:31 12 sometimes working hard to survive.

20:00:37 13 We live about 100 years from the rail yard,
20:00:39 14 and that's fine. Coal shipments are rare and other
20:00:44 15 commodities are required to be contained.

20:00:45 16 In the 1800s, certain neighborhoods were
20:00:48 17 branded the wrong side of the tracks specifically
20:00:51 18 because of dust from coal trains. Large swaths of
20:00:52 19 towns along the railroads were doomed to sickness,
20:00:55 20 depressed property values, and a bad reputation
20:00:59 21 because coal producers wouldn't invest in keeping the
20:00:59 22 cars covered.

20:01:03 23 Coal company practices are causing the same
20:01:06 24 exact problem 100 years later. Coal cars are sprayed
20:01:09 25 with a coating that quickly cracks and disintegrates

20:01:11 1 leaving shipments through Vancouver completely
20:01:11 2 unprotected.

20:01:15 3 As proposed, the massive increase in coal

20:01:18 4 shipments proposed with this project would

20:01:20 5 deliberately and knowingly turn my home and

20:01:22 6 neighborhood into the wrong side of the tracks.

20:01:22 7 Dooming residents to health problems, crushing the

20:01:27 8 value of homes we've worked to buy only so coal

20:01:30 9 producers can leave cars uncovered, save a couple of

20:01:30 10 bucks, and pocket the arbitrage.

20:01:35 11 I have the sovereign right to live in my

20:01:38 12 home. The Public Trust Doctrine dictates that

20:01:41 13 Millennium does not have the right to take that away

20:01:43 14 for money. My children and I are living, breathing

20:01:47 15 human beings, Millennium is not. You also are living,

20:01:51 16 breathing human beings, and each of you is endowed

20:01:52 17 with a conscience that tell you it's wrong to harm

20:01:55 18 your neighbors. Millennium is counting on you to

20:01:57 19 ignore your conscience and enable them to harm my

20:02:00 20 family and others.

20:02:01 21 You will likely hear complaints that

20:02:03 22 businesses need permitting consistency and I

20:02:07 23 absolutely agree, but permitting consistency is not a

20:02:09 24 blank check. Private citizens and property owners

20:02:12 25 deserve that consistency in the process as well.

20:02:15 1 EVENT HOST: Thank you for your comments.

20:02:16 2 SPEAKER 79: We count on our government

20:02:17 3 agencies to stand on our behalf when a company might

20:02:20 4 harm us for the sake of a project. I call on you this

20:02:22 5 evening to not condemn thousands of private citizens

20:02:24 6 and property owners along the tracks to suddenly be

20:02:28 7 forced to live on the wrong side of the tracks so one

20:02:30 8 company can save money. Thank you.

20:02:33 9 EVENT HOST: It looks like we have about four

20:02:37 10 folks left to speak. Do we have folks in the audience

20:02:39 11 that have come tonight to speak that have not had

20:02:41 12 their opportunity? Please come to the front of the

20:02:44 13 room.

20:02:45 14 SPEAKER 80: So we have (inaudible) on

20:02:54 15 speaker phone. She's a resident.

20:03:00 16 Hello. My name is (inaudible), and I

20:03:03 17 currently live in Pennsylvania. I am 18 years old,

20:03:06 18 and I just graduated from Discovery High School.

20:03:09 19 I have spoken before about the coal trains

20:03:12 20 and the effect they have on children and our town.

20:03:15 21 This time I come to you to talk about the fact that

20:03:18 22 you didn't take into account all of the people and

20:03:22 23 homes that will be affected if this goes through.

20:03:27 24 I live in an area that will be affected by

20:03:29 25 the train. On my street, there is several families

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20:03:32 1 with small children and some of them live within sight

20:03:37 2 distance of the train tracks and where the coal will

20:03:40 3 be dumped. A lot of these kids have health problems

20:03:44 4 from the pollution they're already exposed to.

20:03:46 5 If a train was put through, we would have

20:03:50 6 trains carrying open containers with coal in them.

20:03:55 7 These containers have a lot of dust in them. When

20:03:58 8 this dust blows out of these trains, it will be

20:04:03 9 breathed in by our children and old people. It will

20:04:07 10 turn their lungs black from it. This will cause more

20:04:11 11 asthma and cancer to happen. We already have a lot of

20:04:15 12 hardship in our town. We don't need more.

20:04:18 13 See please take into account everyone, young

20:04:21 14 and old, who would be affected for we don't want the

20:04:25 15 children to die from the dust of suffocation. Thank

20:04:29 16 you.

20:04:36 17 SPEAKER 81: Good evening. My name is Nicole

20:04:46 18 DiGerlando. I live in Longview, Washington. In fact,

20:04:48 19 I live in the Highlands, and I live right in the area

20:04:51 20 that your study covers.

20:04:53 21 I teach at Lower Columbia College, and I

20:04:56 22 moved to Longview to be a part of my community, the

20:05:02 23 community where my students live, where my colleagues
20:05:05 24 live, and I bought a house in the Highlands in order
20:05:09 25 to support and to build a community and try to make it

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20:05:12 1 a better place for myself, my family, and the people
20:05:15 2 who already live there. I urge you to take the
20:05:19 3 no-action alternative.

20:05:20 4 I want to talk about the noise. The DEIS
20:05:23 5 indicates that the study covered wayside noise as well
20:05:26 6 as train horn noise. I didn't see very much in the
20:05:32 7 mitigation that dealt with that wayside noise. I live
20:05:36 8 practically across the street from the Reynolds line,
20:05:39 9 and the wayside noise already is far worse than the
20:05:44 10 horns from the train crossing.

20:05:46 11 The mitigation indicates that Millennium
20:05:49 12 could help interested parties and the city to get a
20:05:55 13 quiet zone implemented but that quiet zone only
20:05:57 14 focused on horns at the trains crossings, it doesn't
20:06:00 15 deal with the impacts of the rail noise, the
20:06:04 16 screeching, squealing of those wheels as they're
20:06:05 17 slowing down and speeding up and the crashing of
20:06:08 18 couplings which is currently pretty awful actually and
20:06:12 19 will become much worse.

20:06:14 20 My house lies in the moderate impact range of
20:06:17 21 the Industrial/Oregon Way intersection, and I do not

20:06:21 22 want to have the disruptions that that will bring to
20:06:26 23 my life and the lives of my family. Don't let big
20:06:29 24 business take advantage of the people in my
20:06:29 25 neighborhood, good people who work hard, the poor,

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20:06:32 1 people of color, and many others who have been
20:06:32 2 traditionally overlooked, ignored, and dispossessed.
20:06:39 3 Many of these people already have enough difficulties
20:06:41 4 and disadvantages, and they don't need the disruption
20:06:43 5 to their lives that the noise from these trains will
20:06:47 6 bring. Thank you.

20:06:49 7 SPEAKER 83: Hello. Thank you for giving me
20:06:59 8 the opportunity to speak tonight. You've all had a
20:07:02 9 really long day. I appreciate that you're still here
20:07:06 10 listening to us.

20:07:06 11 We just heard from somebody for who
20:07:09 12 (inaudible) in the area that's going to be affected by
20:07:13 13 these trains. I myself live in Portland, and I'm from
20:07:20 14 Australia. So some people might think what are you
20:07:21 15 doing up here speaking, you're not from this
20:07:24 16 community, you're not going to be directly affected.

20:07:28 17 But, as an Australian who lives in the
20:07:33 18 Northwest -- I love the Northwest. It's the most
20:07:36 19 beautiful place in the world.

20:07:37 20 As an Australian and somebody who has
20:07:41 21 traveled a lot, I'm speaking for the whole world, the
20:07:44 22 climate crisis that we're in right now. So you
20:07:50 23 probably already know how many extinctions are
20:07:55 24 happening, icecaps are melting, low lying lands are
20:07:58 25 disappearing, the Great Barrier Reef is almost

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20:08:02 1 completely dead. There is going to be more storms and
20:08:05 2 disasters and drought and food shortages and the
20:08:08 3 immigration and unrest that will go along with that.

20:08:11 4 This is a real crisis. This is really urgent
20:08:14 5 and it's happening now. I'm not even on the front
20:08:18 6 lines of this. People on the front lines are
20:08:23 7 underprivileged people who live in places we don't
20:08:29 8 even hear about most of the time, but I have had a
20:08:32 9 personal experience directly related to global
20:08:35 10 warming, which I'll share with you because sometimes
20:08:37 11 it just helps to realize how real this is.

20:08:40 12 My father passed away in a forest fire in a
20:08:44 13 really, really unseasonably hot spring in Australia
20:08:49 14 three years ago. I personally don't know if I want to
20:08:54 15 have children because I can't see what kind of
20:08:57 16 liveable world we're going to have.

20:09:00 17 So the carbonates that will be emitted by
20:09:05 18 tons and tons of coal that will move through here if

20:09:09 19 this terminal does go through --

20:09:10 20 EVENT HOST: Thank you. Please wrap up.

20:09:17 21 SPEAKER 84: Hello. I'm Leah Matson. They

20:09:26 22 call me Sprout.

20:09:26 23 I came to the last hearing, and it was a lot

20:09:29 24 better attended. It went to ten o'clock because so

20:09:33 25 many spoke and spoke amazingly about this thing. And

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20:09:36 1 people on both sides, you know, are obviously

20:09:39 2 passionate, but what are we more passionate about, our

20:09:41 3 health, our children, our future survival of this

20:09:45 4 planet, or getting a job and making a few bucks.

20:09:48 5 We all have to pay our bills. A lot of

20:09:51 6 people have mentioned just trying to survive. I think

20:09:55 7 we'd have a lot more people here to protest this if

20:09:58 8 they didn't have to work today. You know, we're all

20:10:01 9 just trying to get by, and it's getting harder and

20:10:05 10 harder to get by. The cost of everything is going up

20:10:08 11 and up.

20:10:09 12 So we have to make some choices now about our

20:10:13 13 future. We can't continue the way we're doing things

20:10:16 14 like using ancient methods of energy like coal or we

20:10:21 15 can actually embrace the fact that it's 2015 and maybe

20:10:24 16 we need to use alternative energy.

20:10:32 17 So, anyway, I just want to say that it is
20:10:35 18 time to step into the modern age. There are better
20:10:40 19 alternatives out there. We know what's bad for our
20:10:44 20 health and what's causing global warming and, yet,
20:10:48 21 what are we doing about it? The same stuff we were
20:10:51 22 doing hundreds of years ago. Look at the Industrial
20:10:53 23 Revolution, look at what that did (inaudible), look at
20:10:55 24 the air, look at, as I brought up before, the Ludlow
20:11:00 25 Massacre when the National Guard came in and shot coal

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20:11:02 1 miners because they dared to ask for more than 50
20:11:05 2 cents a day for slaving in the coal mines. The coal
20:11:09 3 industry is a terrible industry and they just, you
20:11:12 4 know, have a history of just deplorable treatment of
20:11:16 5 human beings.

20:11:17 6 Also, you know the Lorax, I speak for the
20:11:20 7 trees. I speak for the fish, I speak for the birds,
20:11:22 8 the bees, the butterflies, all of the other species
20:11:24 9 who can't come to this hearing. This is affecting
20:11:28 10 every living being in this area. We're talking about
20:11:32 11 the air we need to breath and the water we need to
20:11:35 12 drink, and we need to think about the future, not
20:11:41 13 money in our pockets. I'm poor, all my friends are
20:11:42 14 poor, I'm still here. Thank you.

20:11:45 15 EVENT HOST: Just a reminder to everybody.

20:11:45 16 There are multiple ways to comment through the 29th of
20:11:49 17 November recognizing that not everyone can be present.
20:11:52 18 If we do have folks that have not had an opportunity
20:11:54 19 to speak, please come forward, and we'll give two
20:11:57 20 minutes to the next speaker. Thank you.

20:12:03 21 SPEAKER 85: Hello. Good evening. My name
20:12:07 22 is (inaudible). I am a community member of Vancouver.
20:12:10 23 I am a mother and, as you can see, I'm a minority and
20:12:16 24 I'm also a person of color.
20:12:17 25 So statistics show that people who are most

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20:12:22 1 affected by this proposal being oil terminals, being a
20:12:27 2 coal terminal, is people like me people who don't have
20:12:30 3 a choice but to live in this area because they are
20:12:33 4 more affordable, and it's already difficult because we
20:12:39 5 have to make ends meet, and I cannot imagine having to
20:12:42 6 deal with health issues.

20:12:44 7 I am here to urge you to consider not taking
20:12:49 8 action on this terminal. We have to decide between
20:12:53 9 something that won't (inaudible) forever, but it will
20:13:02 10 permanently damage not only to our environment but to
20:13:05 11 our health, to our most vulnerable and children. I
20:13:08 12 have two children. I want them to have a quality life
20:13:15 13 with quality -- and that's one of the reasons that I

20:13:19 14 moved here to the Pacific Northwest because we all
20:13:22 15 agree this is a beautiful place.
20:13:24 16 I left home today at eight a.m. and I don't
20:13:28 17 know what time I'm going home. I have to make ends
20:13:31 18 meet so that's why I ask you to -- because we -- I
20:13:35 19 believe in the United States and I believe in us, and
20:13:38 20 I believe in we the people. Thank you.
20:13:43 21 EVENT HOST: Thank you. Our next speaker,
20:13:44 22 please. We've got several speakers left. If I can
20:13:55 23 have someone step up, that would be great.
20:14:00 24 SPEAKER 86: I'm George Robertson, and I live
20:14:07 25 in Longview.

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20:14:08 1 I think there's public money involved in this
20:14:12 2 project. That means its my taxes. I would rather
20:14:15 3 have my taxes go with solar panels on every building
20:14:21 4 in Cowlitz County, insulate every building in Cowlitz
20:14:27 5 County, install energy efficient devices in every
20:14:27 6 building.
20:14:28 7 This project will not bring that many jobs.
20:14:31 8 Solar power and working on houses would bring a lot
20:14:37 9 more jobs, good jobs. So I'm against it.
20:14:43 10 SPEAKER 86: Hello. I'm Anna DiGerlando, and
20:14:52 11 I live at 215 20th Avenue, and that is in the medium
20:14:56 12 to high noise impact zone. And you are the Army Corps

20:15:02 13 of Engineers doing the study, and I am not as educated
20:15:05 14 as you are and I know that you have to take into
20:15:10 15 consideration all of the sounds that will be produced
20:15:13 16 in accordance with the Environmental Act of 1972 which
20:15:18 17 says that any noise that exceeds normal limitations
20:15:21 18 and people that already live in high-noise areas are
20:15:24 19 not expected to have an increase in noise level
20:15:28 20 relevant to other people who have no noise, and we
20:15:32 21 already have a lot of noise in our neighborhood.
20:15:34 22 We have the Reynold's train spur has two
20:15:38 23 trains a day, and they have a ten-mile-per-hour speed
20:15:42 24 limit, and it takes them approximately 40 minutes to
20:15:46 25 get from one side to the other side and we get to hear

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20:15:50 1 the trains go. And what they will do is increase the
20:15:53 2 amount of train traffic by 14 trains a day, and we
20:15:58 3 already have appreciable noise that we can hear inside
20:16:02 4 of our house, and that doesn't take into account the
20:16:06 5 dumping of the train and the loading of the machinery,
20:16:10 6 and backup engines, and screeching of train brakes
20:16:11 7 because how are you going to stop the trains if you
20:16:14 8 don't have brakes? If you're going 30 miles an hour
20:16:17 9 instead of ten miles an hour, that means you're going
20:16:19 10 to have more braking noise from the trains braking.

20:16:22 11 Trains braking noise was not taken into consideration
20:16:26 12 when the studies were done. It's high pitched, high
20:16:26 13 frequency, and it upsets dogs, small children, and
20:16:26 14 birds.

20:16:31 15 I please ask you to take the no-action, no
20:16:35 16 coal. Not all of the environmental and human concerns
20:16:38 17 have been met, and they cannot possibly be met. We
20:16:42 18 will have too much noise to live here in this
20:16:46 19 community. It would be unpleasant for everyone and
20:16:46 20 learning will not occur, and our community will
20:16:50 21 suffer. Thank you very much.

20:16:52 22 EVENT HOST: Thank you for your comments.

20:16:54 23 I would like to check the room one more time.

20:16:57 24 We do have this hearing scheduled until nine p.m.

20:17:01 25 We've got another 40 minutes. We do want, on behalf

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20:17:05 1 of the Corps, for everyone to have an opportunity who
20:17:07 2 has not yet come to address them.

20:17:12 3 I will ask the Corps to consider a recess.

20:17:17 4 We are advertised until nine. We can keep our hearing
20:17:21 5 available, and I might suggest that a 30-minute break
20:17:26 6 would give us ample time to check in and read closing
20:17:30 7 statements. Thirty-minute recess, I'm checking the
20:17:34 8 time. So it's 8:17. So shall we say -- we have
20:17:45 9 another idea here. Let's talk this through. Give me

20:17:48 10 one moment.

20:18:09 11 Okay. So we'll continue this hearing and

20:18:14 12 we're going to break that up a little bit more. This

20:18:17 13 will be a 15-minute break and, I think to make the

20:18:20 14 time convenient, we'll make it 16, 17 minutes. We'll

20:18:24 15 call it 8:35 to reconvene the public hearing, see if

20:18:30 16 anybody is here that would like to speak who has not,

20:18:32 17 and there might be another break and a five-minute

20:18:36 18 closing before nine. Thank you.

20:18:40 19 (A recess was taken from 8:18 p.m. to

20:18:40 20 8:35 p.m.)

20:35:22 21 EVENT HOST: Welcome, again, to the hearing

20:35:26 22 process for the Millennium Bulk Terminal NEPA DEIS.

20:35:29 23 We're here to take your comments and it's 8:35, and we

20:35:34 24 are going to conclude at nine o'clock tonight.

20:35:37 25 I understand though that we may have someone

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20:35:40 1 who is here to speak. I don't have a name, but you're

20:35:40 2 welcome to come and approach the podium and you'll

20:35:48 3 have two minutes. Thank you.

20:35:48 4 SPEAKER 87: Thank you. I'm Mike Karnofski,

20:35:48 5 Chair of the Cowlitz County Commissioners. I

20:35:55 6 appreciate you coming down, Colonel, and I just wanted

20:35:58 7 to say that I appreciate the work that the Corps has

20:36:01 8 done. The one thing I would ask for the community is
20:36:05 9 that you complete your review and meet the same date
20:36:10 10 that the county and the Department of Ecology have
20:36:15 11 agreed to which is April 30th.

20:36:18 12 I know that may be a stretch for you, but I
20:36:20 13 think it's best if we can get this done in a timely
20:36:25 14 manner and meeting that date would allow all of that
20:36:27 15 work to be completed at the same time. So, again,
20:36:29 16 thanks for all the work you've done, and I appreciate
20:36:33 17 that.

20:36:36 18 EVENT HOST: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner.

20:36:37 19 Do we have other folks here that have not had
20:36:41 20 an opportunity to speak this afternoon or tonight?

20:36:50 21 Hearing none, I'm going to recommend another
20:36:53 22 recess. I believe that if we leave time for one or
20:36:56 23 two to speak, we can go right up to 8:55, and the
20:37:00 24 closing remarks are just several minutes long. We'll
20:37:02 25 recess then until 8:55 and conclude with any final

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20:37:08 1 speakers and the closing remarks. Thanks.

20:37:12 2 (A recess was taken from 8:37 p.m. to
20:37:12 3 8:55 p.m.)

20:37:12 4 EVENT HOST: If we could reconvene the public
20:55:36 5 hearing, It's 8:55. If we could get folks to come to
20:55:40 6 attention here for the conclusion of the Millennium

20:55:45 7 Bulk Terminal Longview Draft Environmental Impact
20:55:51 8 Statement NEPA public hearing.
20:55:52 9 I will ask if we have any new arrivals or if
20:55:58 10 we have any folks that have come to speak and have not
20:56:01 11 had an opportunity to address the Army Corps of
20:56:05 12 Engineers this afternoon or this evening, if you could
20:56:08 13 raise your hand or come directly to the podium.
20:56:16 14 Hearing none, we do have some formal hearing closing
20:56:16 15 statements.
20:56:20 16 All testimony received at this hearing as
20:56:23 17 well as the hearing to be held tomorrow in Vancouver,
20:56:27 18 October 25, 2016, similar format. Open house from 12
20:56:32 19 to nine, we'll be taking testimony from one to four
20:56:36 20 and from five to nine in Vancouver.
20:56:40 21 These comments will become a part of the
20:56:43 22 record. Comments may also be received at this pair of
20:56:50 23 hearings, by mail, or submitted online. The official
20:56:53 24 record for this draft environmental review comment
20:56:56 25 period closes November 29, 2016. If you would like to

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20:57:01 1 send written comments, please remember they must be
20:57:04 2 postmarked by November 29, 2016. Send them to
20:57:12 3 Millennium Bulk Terminal Longview EIS in care of ICF
20:57:12 4 International, 710 Second Avenue, Suite 550, Seattle,

20:57:20 5 Washington 98104. Written comments may also be
20:57:25 6 submitted online at www.millenniumbulkeiswa.gov.

20:57:35 7 So the next steps, the Corps is to consider
20:57:38 8 the comments and prepare the Final NEPA EIS. Comments
20:57:44 9 received on the Draft EIS will be included in the
20:57:47 10 Final EIS along with responses. If necessary,
20:57:52 11 additional studies will be prepared for the Final EIS.
20:57:55 12 This Final EIS is expected to be released in 2017.
20:58:01 13 The Final EIS will inform decisions by agencies,
20:58:06 14 specifically the Army Corps of Engineers, on this
20:58:09 15 permit application for the project.

20:58:11 16 On behalf of the US Army Corps of Engineers,
20:58:15 17 thank you all very much for coming. We appreciate
20:58:17 18 your cooperation and courtesy.

20:58:20 19 Let the record show that this hearing is
20:58:22 20 adjourned at nine p.m. Thank you very much.

21 (The proceedings concluded at 9:00 p.m.)

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