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Millennium Bulk Terminals NEPA EIS  
c/o ICF International  
710 Second Avenue, Suite 550  
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview Proposed Project – NEPA EIS Public Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express my support of the permit submitted by Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview (Millennium) to begin construction on an export terminal in Washington. I openly welcome the opportunity to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and applaud the completion of their thorough review.

As Branch Agent for the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, I see the completion of the Millennium export terminal as a commitment to the longevity of the shipping and boating industries in the Pacific Northwest. The draft EIS was a critical step forward in the continuation of this important infrastructure project - ensuring the protection of Washington's environment while providing updated infrastructure development is at the forefront of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific's mission.

The Millennium project has been reviewed by both federal and state regulators who have both indicated that Millennium will answer all of Washington's strict environmental regulations including the unfounded fear of generating coal dust that will affect water quality, marine organisms, or human health. In fact, the recent draft EIS from the U.S. Army Corps agreed with the state review that came out in April, noting there will be no adverse impacts on water quality or risk of breaking federal air quality standards.

But despite the project's continued efforts to comply with the state's regulatory processes and environmental standards, four and a half years have passed since the original submission of the permits. An opportunity such as the Millennium project should not be held up in regulatory entanglements. This project will revolutionize our states ports; injecting millions of dollars into our state's economy, providing more than substantial tax revenue while providing hundreds of families with good paying jobs.

The completion of this project will produce roughly \$16 million in wages, and bring in \$37.2 million in state tax revenues. One in four jobs in our region are dependent on trade related services, many of which are comprised within the members of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. Continuing an upward trend of growth in this industry is important not only to our membership, but to the nation as a whole.

All in all, Millennium will kick start an underutilized industrial site, building a top of line shipping port with very real economic benefits. The Sailors' Union of the Pacific advocates for the continued creation of jobs within the shipping and boating industry. We see, without question, the Millennium export terminal as a surefire way to prolong our industry's success. I urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to release the NEPA Final EIS as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vince O'Halloran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "V" at the beginning.

Vince O'Halloran  
Sailors' Union of the Pacific