

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, WA Department of Ecology, and Cowlitz County Commission:

I strongly oppose the construction of a coal export terminal at Longview, WA which would transport coal on trains and ships throughout the Northwest.

Coal is a dirty and dangerous combustible fuel that coal companies would put in open rail cars to travel through our communities and on massive cargo ships through our marine waters, fishing grounds and recreation areas. This proposal would negatively affect my community by increasing congestion and noise with more coal train traffic, polluting our air and local waterways, harming existing businesses, and delaying emergency responders. It would also damage aquatic ecosystems and fishing areas on the Columbia River, harm human health, increase tanker traffic and the potential for shipping accidents and spills, expand strip-mining in Wyoming and Montana, and escalate climate change. Coal export threatens the health, public safety and economic vitality of our communities.

I urge you to consider these impacts in the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you.

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