

Testimony of Steven Goldstein at the scoping hearing for the Millennium Bulk Coal Export Terminal at Longview, Washington on September 18, 2013.

Good evening. I am Steve Goldstein. I am here today to urge a comprehensive review of the Coal Export Terminal proposed for Longview. This review needs to include the effects on the global climate of burning this Powder River Coal in China since this proposal is for trans shipping coal to use as fuel in China.

I will concentrate on the health effects of coal dust because I've learned about the danger of coal dust. When I was three my parents bought their first house near Lake Ontario in Oswego, N.Y. We lived there for twenty years.

Near us was the Niagara Mohawk Oswego coal fired electricity plant. A few blocks away we could see the huge outdoor mound that supplied coal for the plant and on windy days trailed a black plume of small, jagged, particles of surprisingly toxic coal dust.

We now have the results of research conclusively linking coal dust to low birth weight babies, high blood pressure, respiratory disorders including chronic bronchitis, C.O.P.D. and emphysema, kidney disease, leukemia and lung, colon and bladder cancers.