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Millennium Bulk Terminals - Longview EIS
c/o ICF International
710 Second Ave.
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RE: Proposed Millennium Bulk Terminal Project – Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington State Department of Ecology, and Cowlitz County --

I am deeply concerned about the long-term regional impacts of the proposal by Millennium Bulk Terminals to construct and operate a coal export terminal on 190-acre site located at the former Reynolds Metals Company facility in unincorporated Cowlitz County. Although the Port of Longview is well outside King County's jurisdictional area, the Millennium proposal will have lasting environmental impacts both locally and globally. I respectfully request that you deny the permit to build a coal export terminal at the Port of Longview.

I understand that the Cowlitz County and the Washington State Department of Ecology have completed the Draft EIS for the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals—Longview project. The Draft EIS identified unavoidable and significant adverse impacts related to transporting, stockpiling, blending and exporting 44 million metric tons of coal annually.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Washington State DOE and Cowlitz County received over 200,000 public comments on the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminal Project during the scoping period. Of those comments, climate change and air quality issues were cited by the Draft EIS as the most frequently received concerns. The Draft EIS identifies impending negative environmental impacts not only in the area of greenhouse gas emissions, but also in the areas of social and community resources, tribal resources, rail safety, noise, etc. It is in light of these unavoidable and significant adverse impacts that I submit this request.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Upthegrove
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