

## HELEN OST

I request that the Washington Department of Ecology deny a water quality permit for the Millennium Bulk Terminals coal export facility in Longview.

The Ecology's environmental review of the Millennium project documented significant, harmful impacts from the coal terminal and associated rail traffic. The project would discharge coal dust discharge from 75 acres of uncovered coal piles and mile-and-a-half long coal trains and increase large vessel traffic in the Columbia River estuary by 1,680 trips per year. This would undue the billions of dollar of investment to improve the Columbia River estuary for salmon and other species that have been made by the federal and state governments as well as Tribes. This project does not make sense, in may ways, since the use of coal will be less in future years. It is time to stand up now to deny the water quality permit protect our water.