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Dear DOE Representatives:

Please deny the Section 401 water quality certification permit for the Millennium Bulk Terminal facility in Longview. We cannot afford coal processing in Longview or bulk train cars polluting our air or water, specifically the Columbia River. I paddled the entire Columbia River in 2012-13 (1200 miles) and along the Columbia Gorge, the winds are so severe at times that coal dust and even small chinks are blown off the cars and into the adjacent land and river (see photos of coal dust and small chinks alongside the railroad tracks on the north side of the Columbia River near Horsethief Lake and 6 miles east of the Dalles Dam). The loss of coal from the cars is evident by the shape of the "loaves" as the cars make the trip to the west coast from Montana and Wyoming. We may not be able to see the black coal dust, but it does get in the water and into our lungs. The railroad companies refuse to completely cover its loads citing expense, so they should not be allowed to transport any longer. The terminal will be the source of constant air and water pollution and should not be permitted. The state of Washington should not encourage coal production or use and this terminal will be used to further increase the burning of a fossil fuel overseas. The burning in Southeast Asia and China comes at a great cost to our own environment as it pollutes the air and water here in the Pacific Northwest from acid rain.











