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I am writing due to my deep concern over Millennium's coal trains and their destructive impact on water quality in the Columbia River and countless other streams and rivers. Communities throughout the region, from Tribes, state and federal agencies, impacted communities, and the people of the Pacific Northwest, have all written in to make clear their disapproval of Millennium's proposal and the harm it will do if it goes forward. I urge Ecology to deny the 401 certification as Millennium's project would violate Washington State's water quality standards, harm designated uses and drinking water, and contravene the state's Antidegradation Policy.

The project also flies in the face of our region's commitment to combat the devastating impacts of climate change. Millennium's oversized ambitions to rebrand the Pacific Northwest the coal export capital of the United States conflict with the public interest in thriving local economies, clean water, clean energy, and healthy communities.

Thank you,